

# QCD FOR THE LHC

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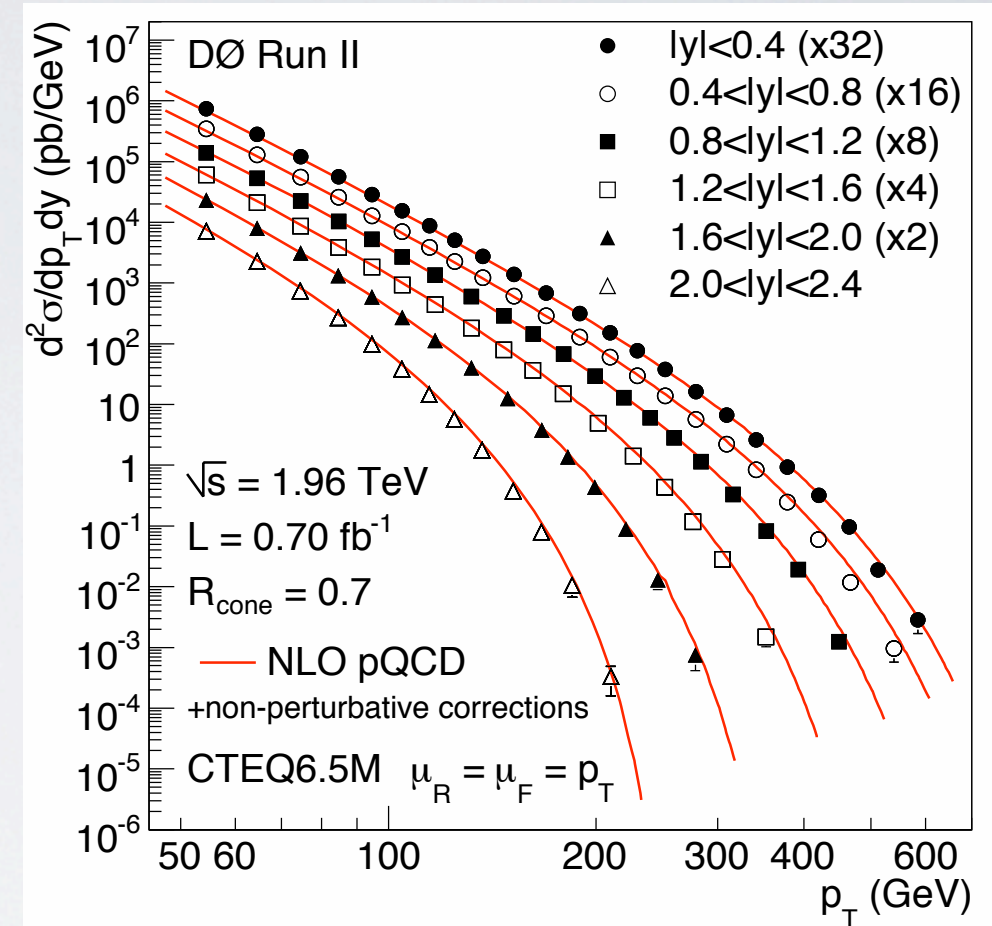
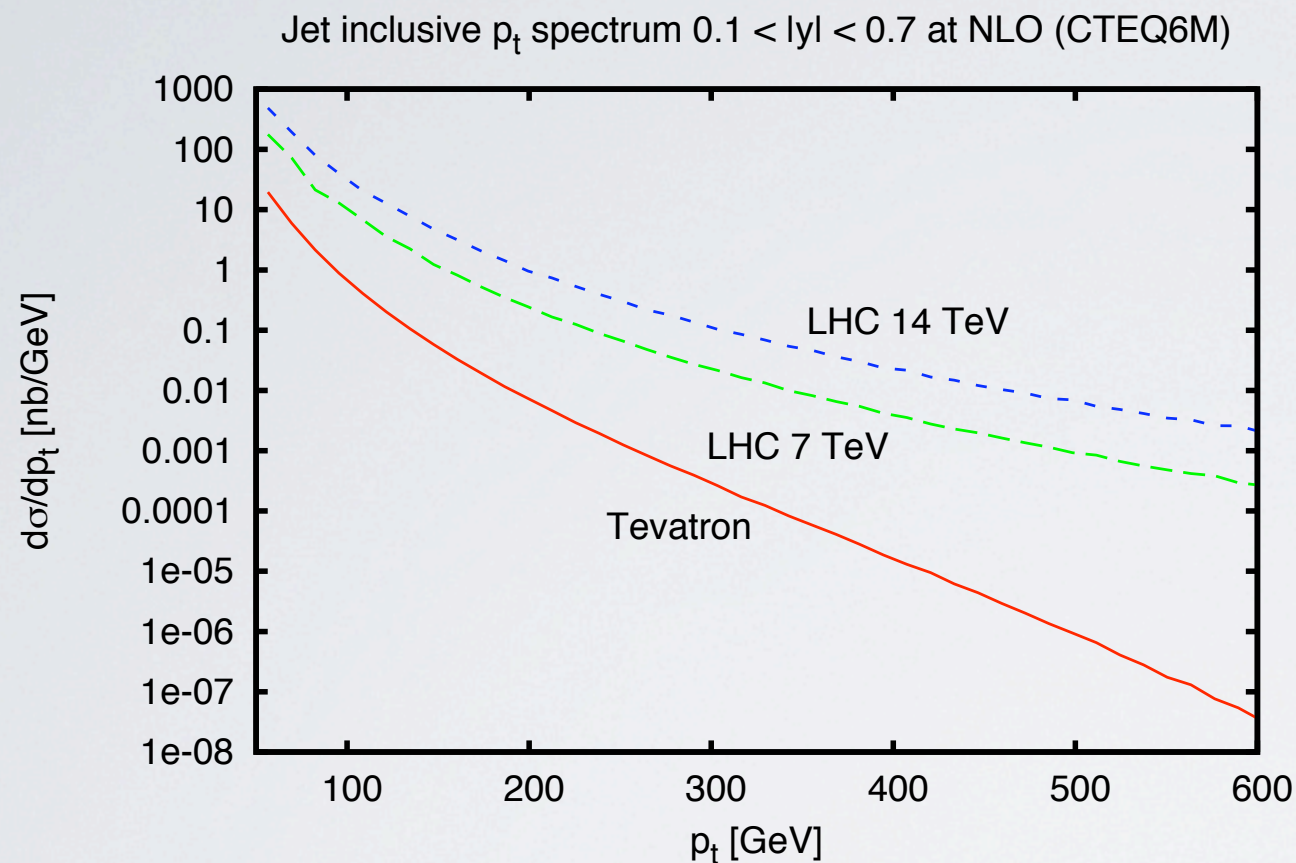
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# OUTLINE

- The TEVATRON experience
- QCD for the sake of QCD
- QCD background
- QCD of new physics
- Theoretical breakthroughs and revelations

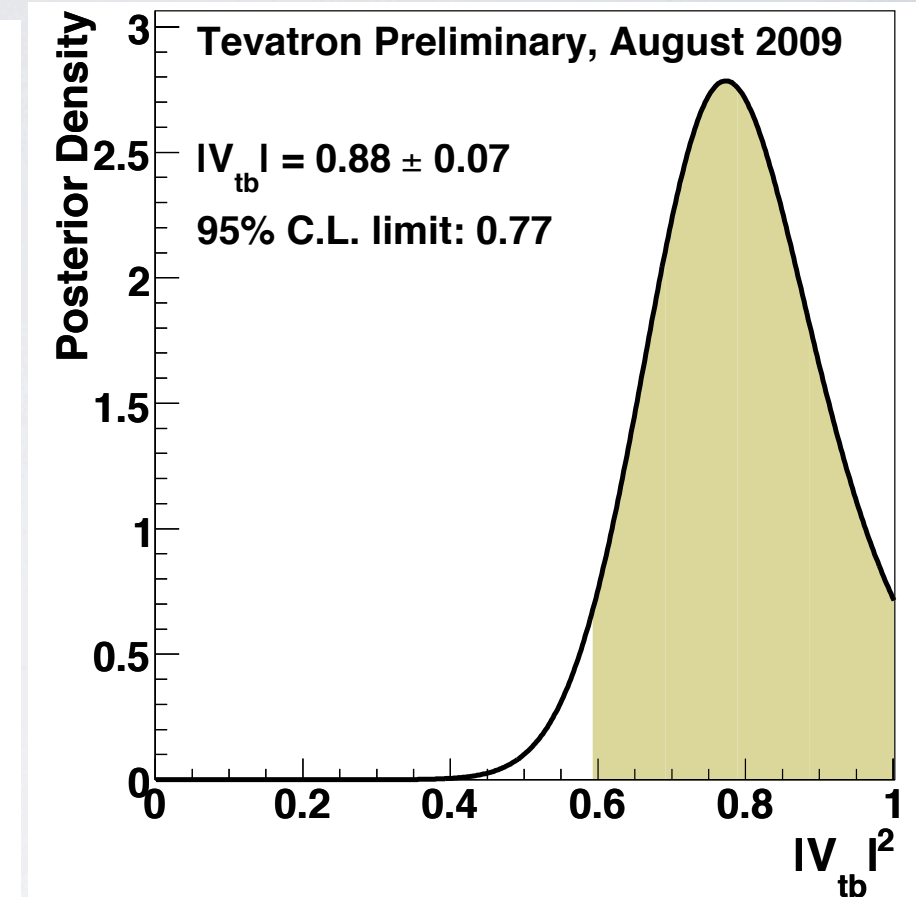
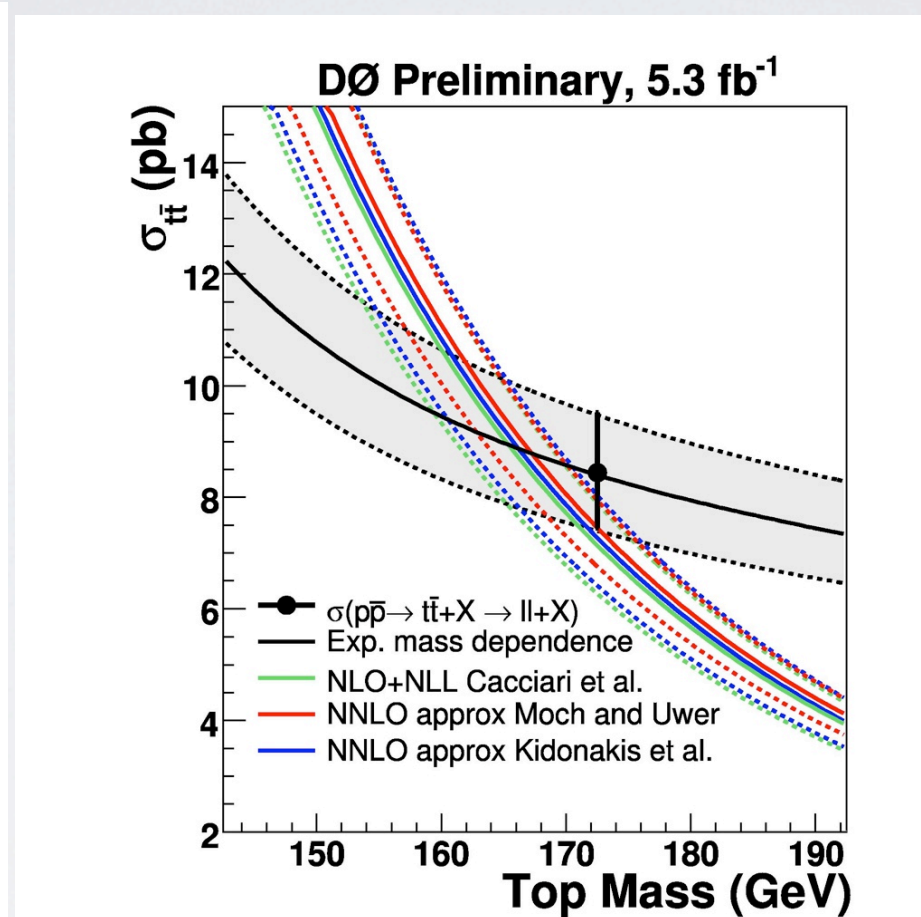
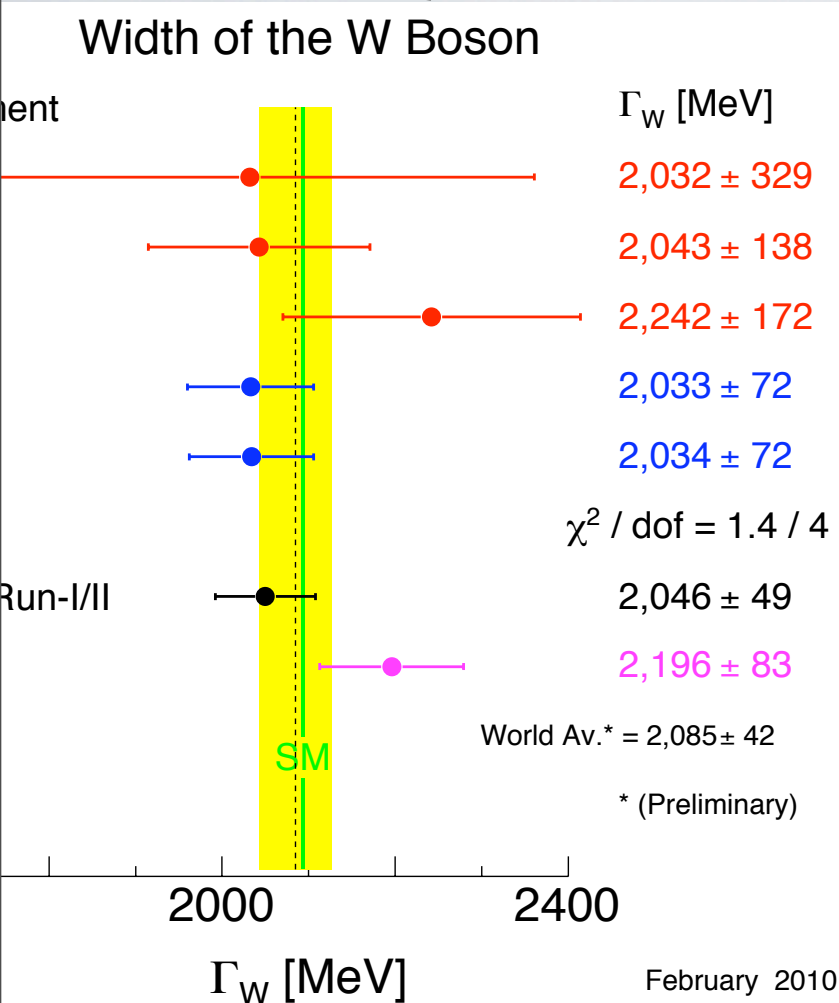


# ENERGY WORLD RECORDS

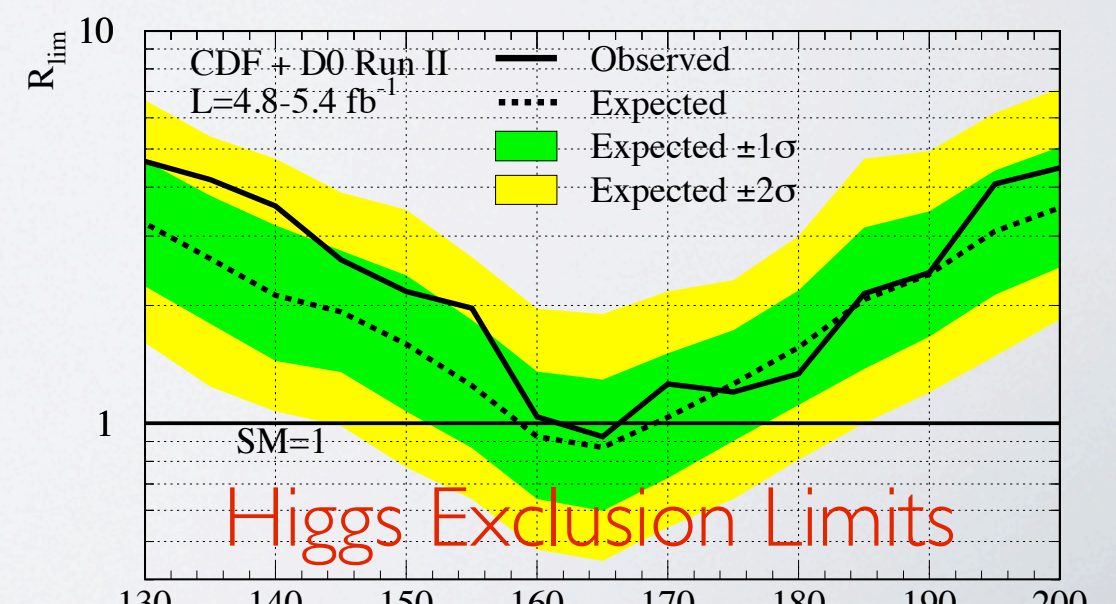


- Tevatron: plethora of data for QCD processes at very high energies.
- Detailed QCD analyses have been published.
- LHC: The next energy frontier, where a proof that QCD is a “domesticated” theory must be furnished.

# WHAT ARE THE FACES OF QCD AT THE TEVATRON?



- Precise QCD predictions are essential for almost every analysis.
- Progress in the understanding of high energy physics relies on QCD theory





# QCD FOR THE LHC: “RETURN ON INVESTMENT”

- Precision determination of fundamental mass and coupling parameters and parton densities.
- Quantitative predictions for complicated backgrounds to the signatures of novel particles and interaction
- Efficient searches for new physics signals
- Reliable elimination of theoretical new physics models
- “Coronation” of the new physics paradigm after the Standard Model
- Understanding of the inner workings of gauge theories

$$\text{ROI} = \frac{\text{Gain}(\text{Cost}) - \text{Cost}}{\text{Cost}}$$



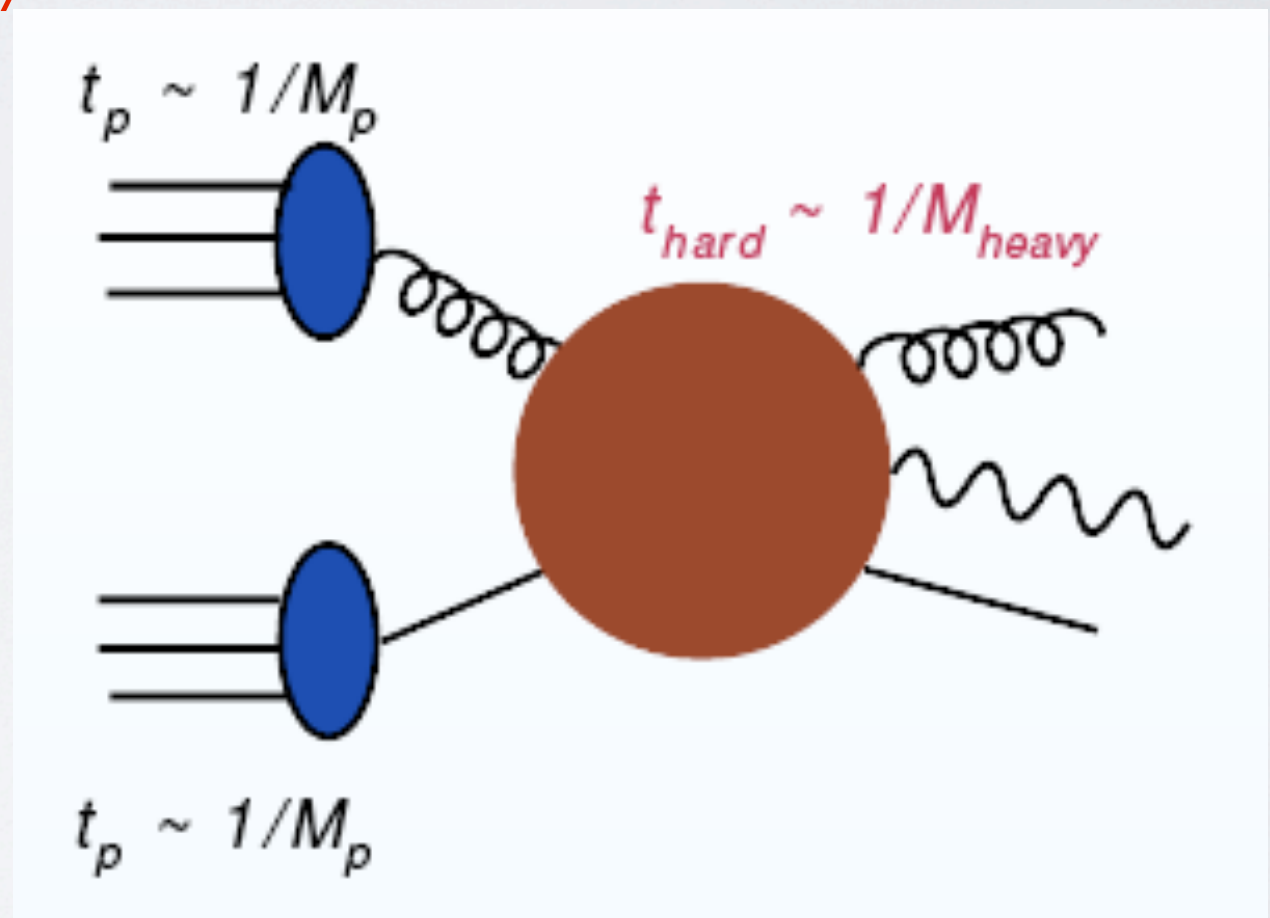


# FOUNDATIONS

QCD is a predictive theory

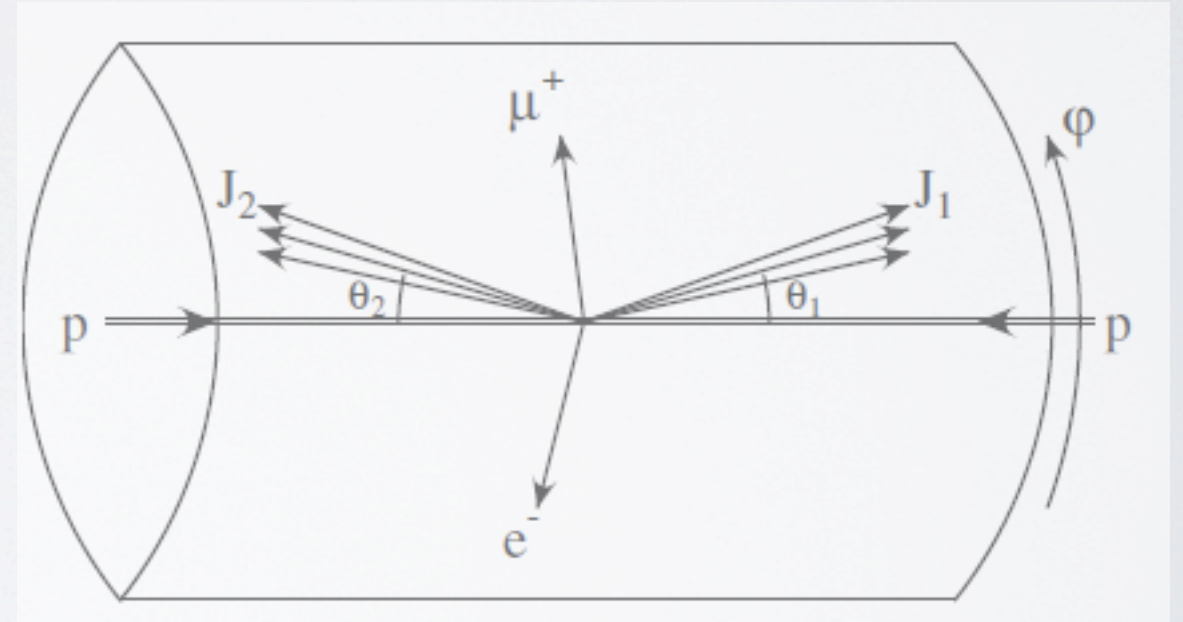
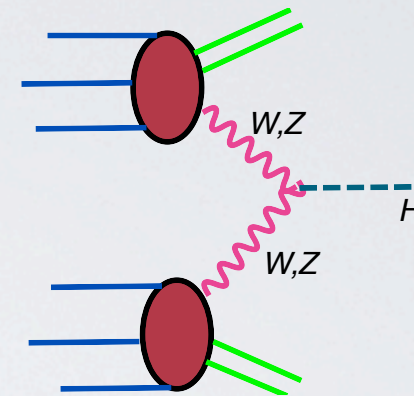
- Factorization
- Infrared Safety
- Perturbation theory
- (Global) experimental data

but not a solved theory!



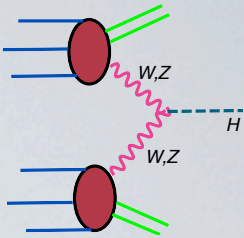
# EXAMPLE: WEAK BOSON FUSION

- Characteristic topology with a pair of two forward jets.
- Little color exchange in the t-channel, little amount of radiation from perturbative QCD in central detector regions  
( Rainwater,Zeppenfeld;Rainwater,Zeppenfeld,Hagiwara; Plehn, Rainwater, Zeppenfeld;... )

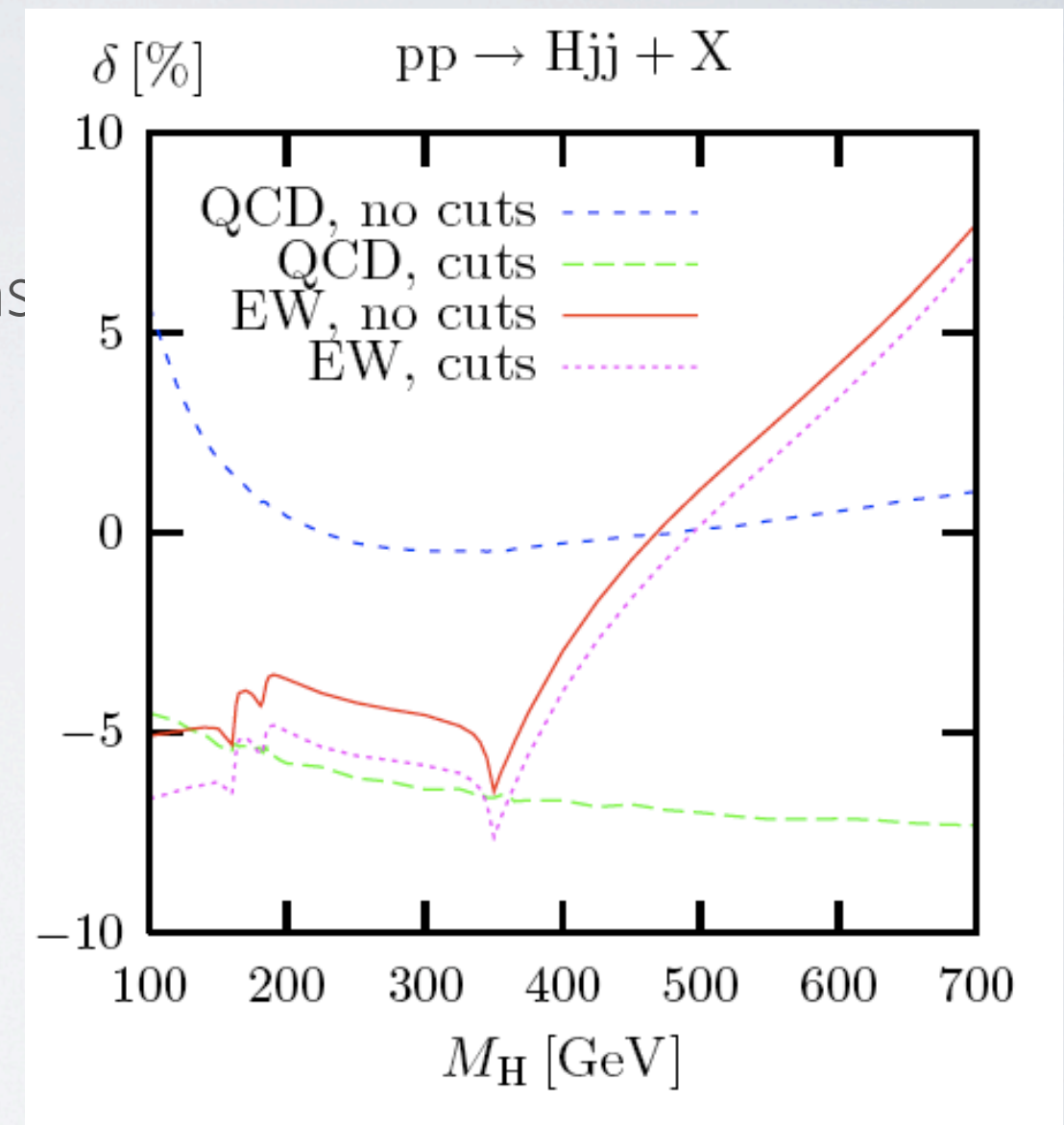




# PERTURBATIVE EFFECTS

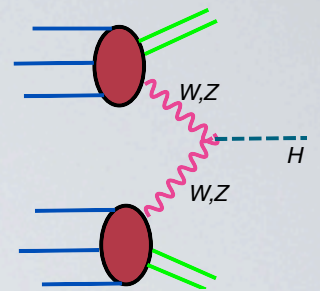


- NLO QCD ( [Han,Valencia,Willenbrock; Figy,Oleari,Zeppenfeld; Berger, Campbell](#) )
- NLO QCD and electro-weak corrections ( [Ciccolini,Denner,Dittmaier](#) )
- Signal-Background interference ( [Andersen,Binoth,Heinrich,Smillie](#) )
- Gluon induced weak boson fusion ( [Harlander,Vollinga,Weber](#) )
- Total cross-section in NNLO QCD and 2% estimated precision ( [Bolzoni,Maltoni,Moch,Zaro](#) )

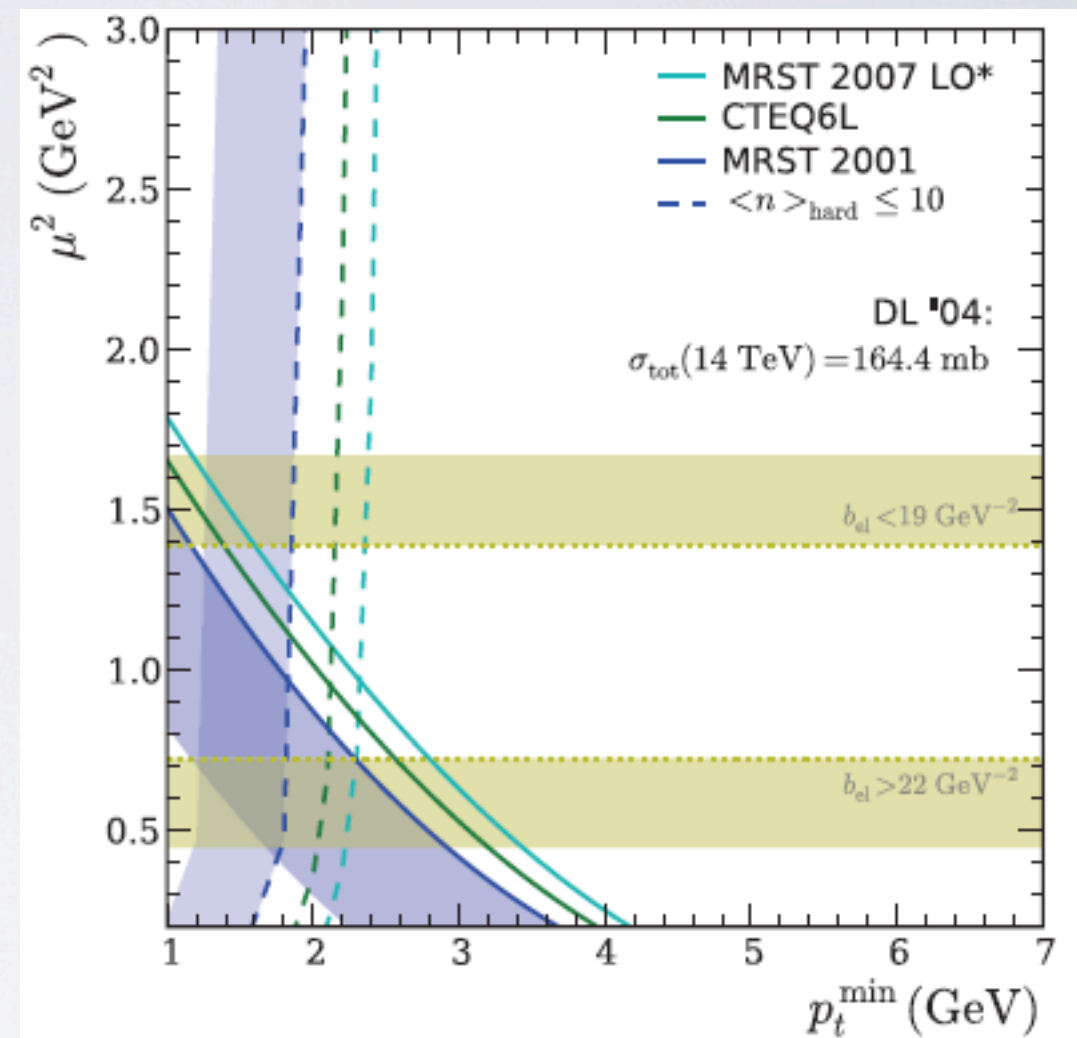




# NON PERTURBATIVE QCD EFFECTS



- no central jets with  $P_t > 20$  GeV, sensitive to the underlying event
- we shall need to revisit underlying-event models at the LHC ( Baehr, Butterworth, Seymour; Baehr, Gieseke, Seymour; Dasgupta, Magnea, Salam;... )
- also, revisit jet-veto analysis after first (7 TeV) and second (14 TeV) LHC data.



Baehr, Butterworth, Seymour:  
restrictions from LHC  
total cross-section  
on a eikonal model for the UE



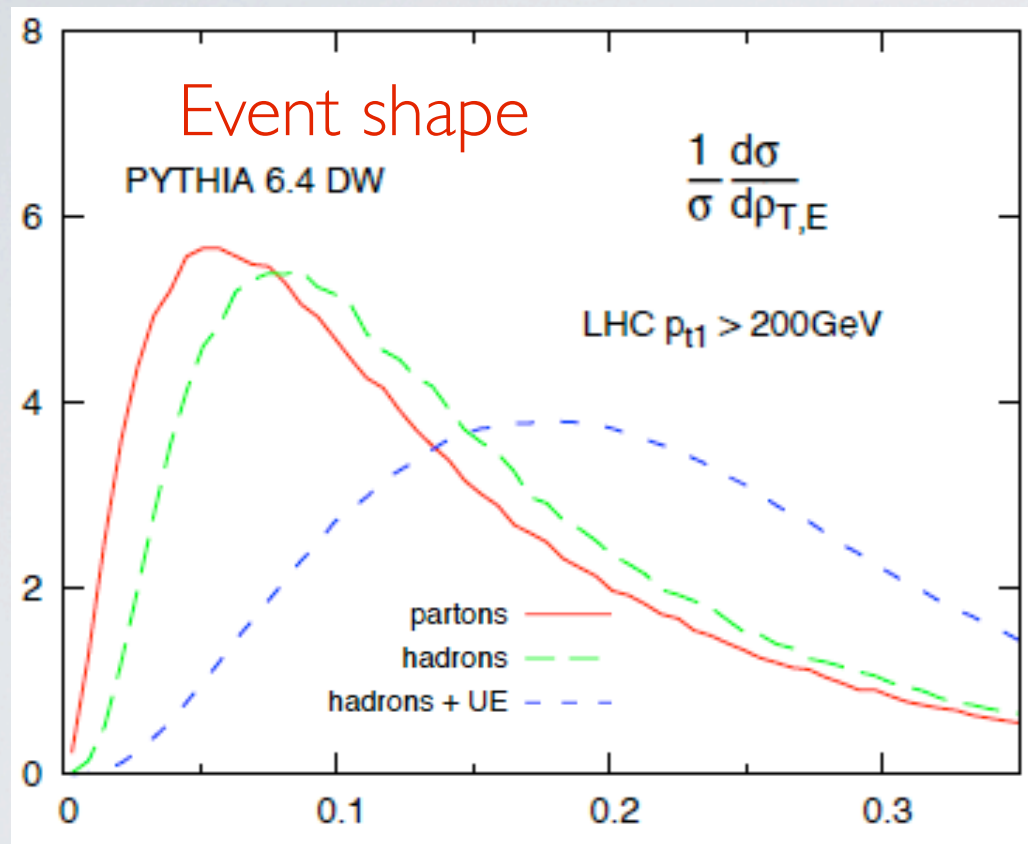
# ANALYZING THE MAKE OUT OF JETS

- Jets are rich in their topology.
- Contain information on their origin (QCD low or high-pt splittings, decays of colorful or colorless heavy particles, etc)
- Jet definitions and observables can be a powerful tool for LHC studies
- Event shapes probe the anatomy of QCD radiation.

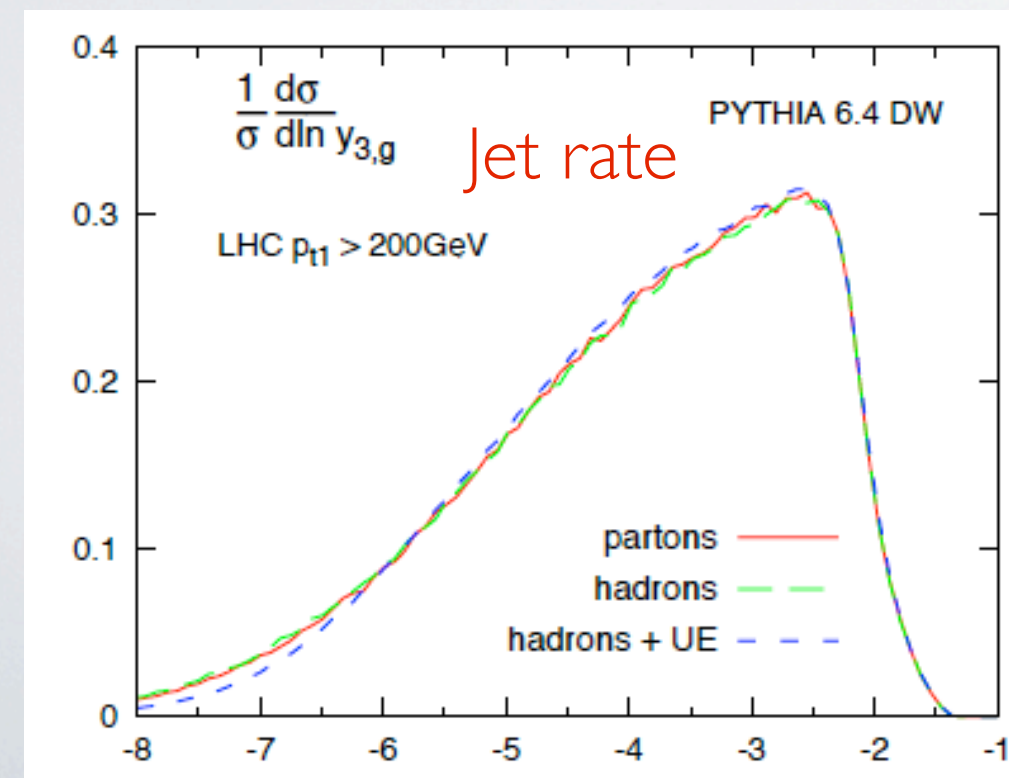


# EVENT SHAPES AT HADRON COLLIDERS AND NON-PERTURBATIVE EFFECTS

• Banfi, Salam, Zanderighi



- Jet resolution and event shape variables have different sensitivity to hadronization and underlying event



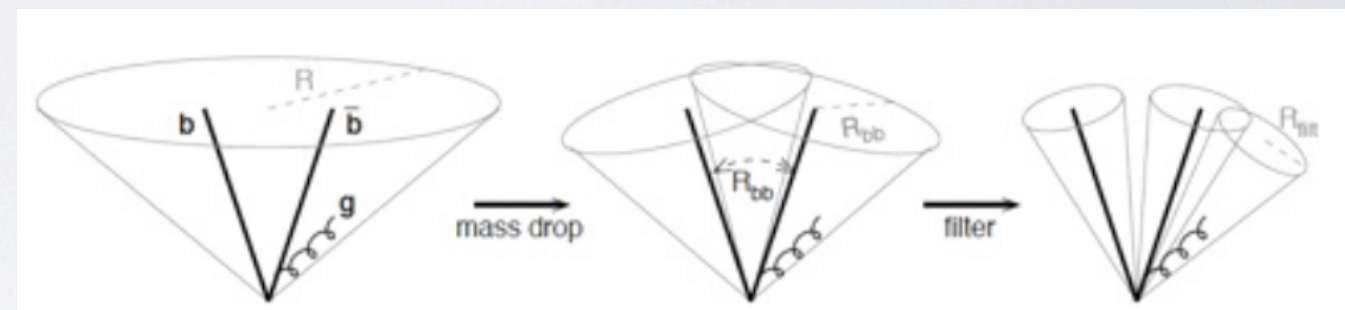
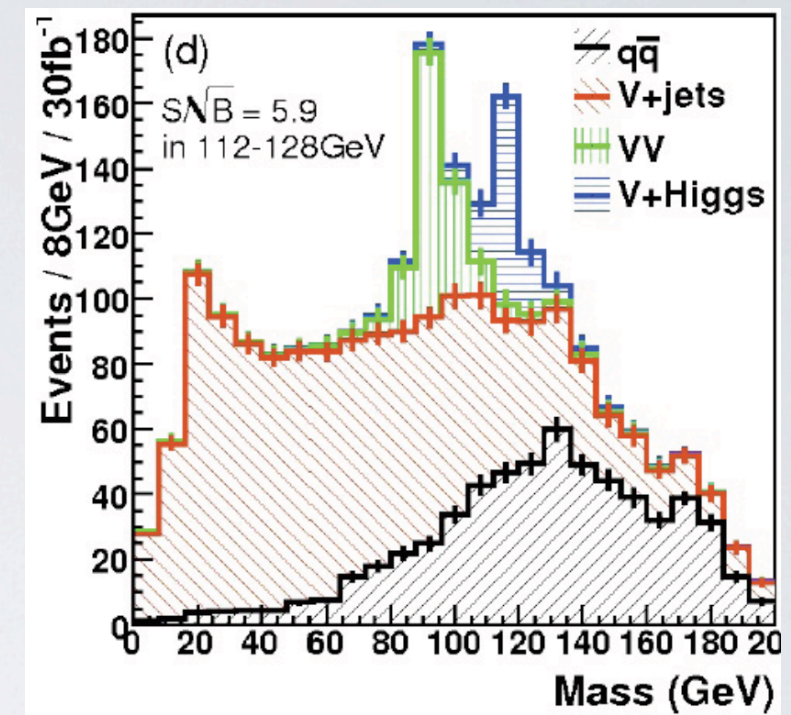
- Can be used to tune parton-shower Monte-Carlo's at the LHC.



# JET SUBSTRUCTURE

Butterworth, Davison, Rubin, Salam

- Check for events where the higgs and the vector boson are back-to-back
- cluster into fat jets. analyze their make up
- two b-tagged smaller size jets with roughly same mass?
- filter underlying event with a smaller jet-size parameter ( $R$ )

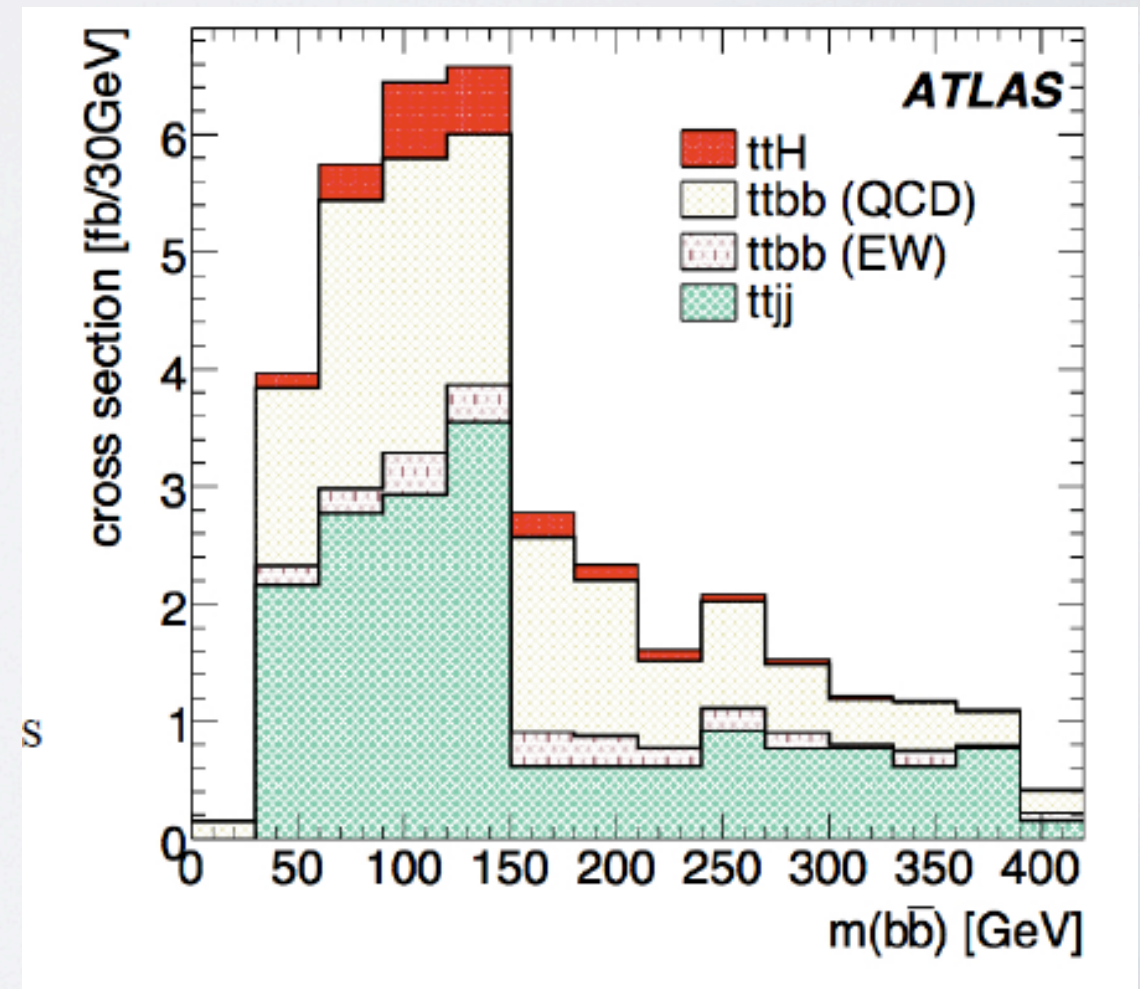
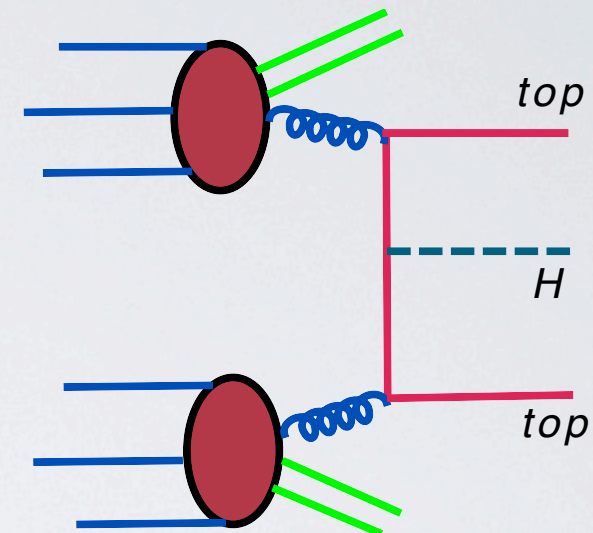


Jet definition	$\sigma_S/\text{fb}$	$\sigma_B/\text{fb}$	$S/\sqrt{B \cdot \text{fb}}$
C/A, $R = 1.2$ , MD-F	0.57	0.51	0.80
$K_\perp$ , $R = 1.0$ , $y_{\text{cut}}$	0.19	0.74	0.22
SISCone, $R = 0.8$	0.49	1.33	0.42



# ASSOCIATED WITH TOP

- Direct access to the top yukawa coupling
- Large backgrounds, difficult combinatorics (six jets)
- dropped out from the list of discovery channels
- can revive it with “jet tomography”



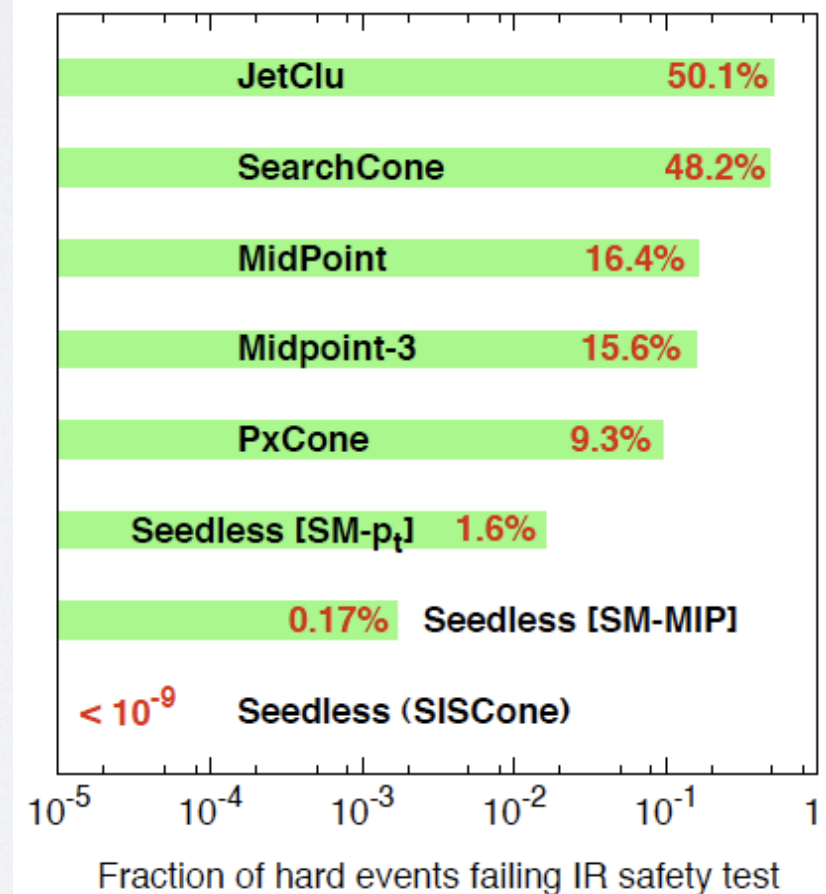
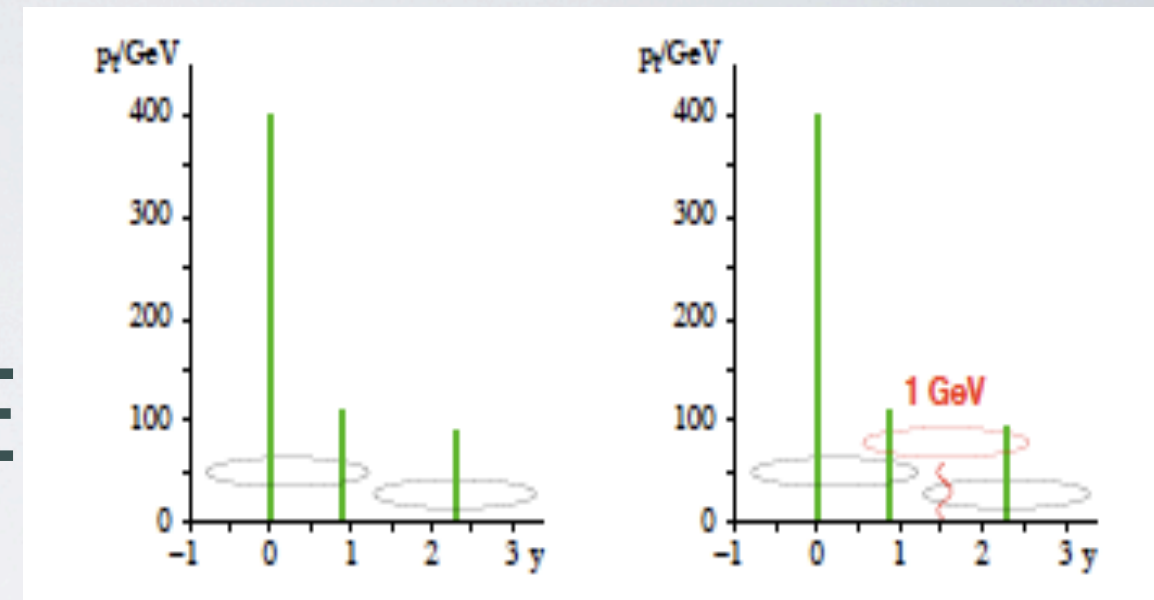


# JETS AND INFRARED SAFETY



$$\begin{array}{c} - \infty + \infty \\ \text{[Feynman diagrams]} \\ = \text{FINITE} \end{array}$$

- Soft or Collinear parton emission must not alter the number of jets in an event.
- Many jet measurements are not directly comparable to perturbative calculations (e.g.  $W+3$  jets with JETCLU @ NLO)
- **infrared safe algorithms**



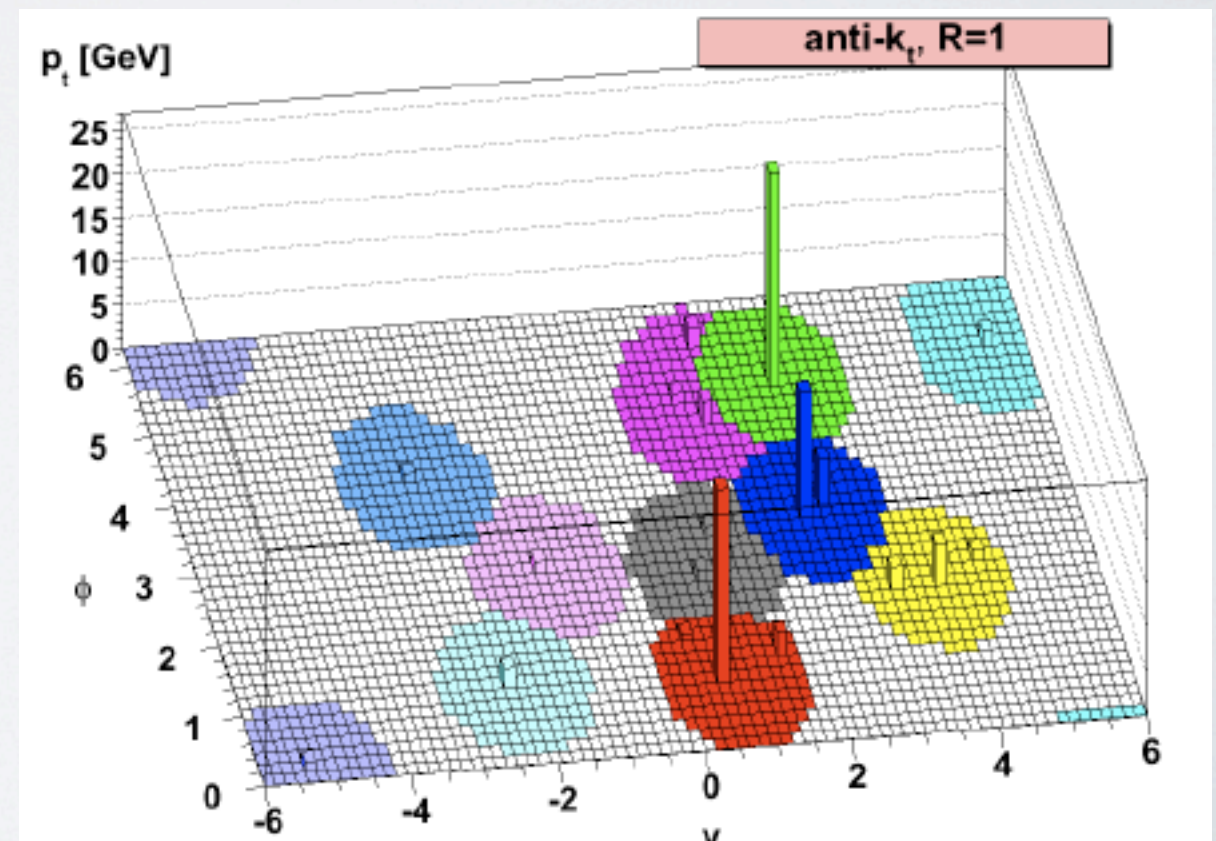
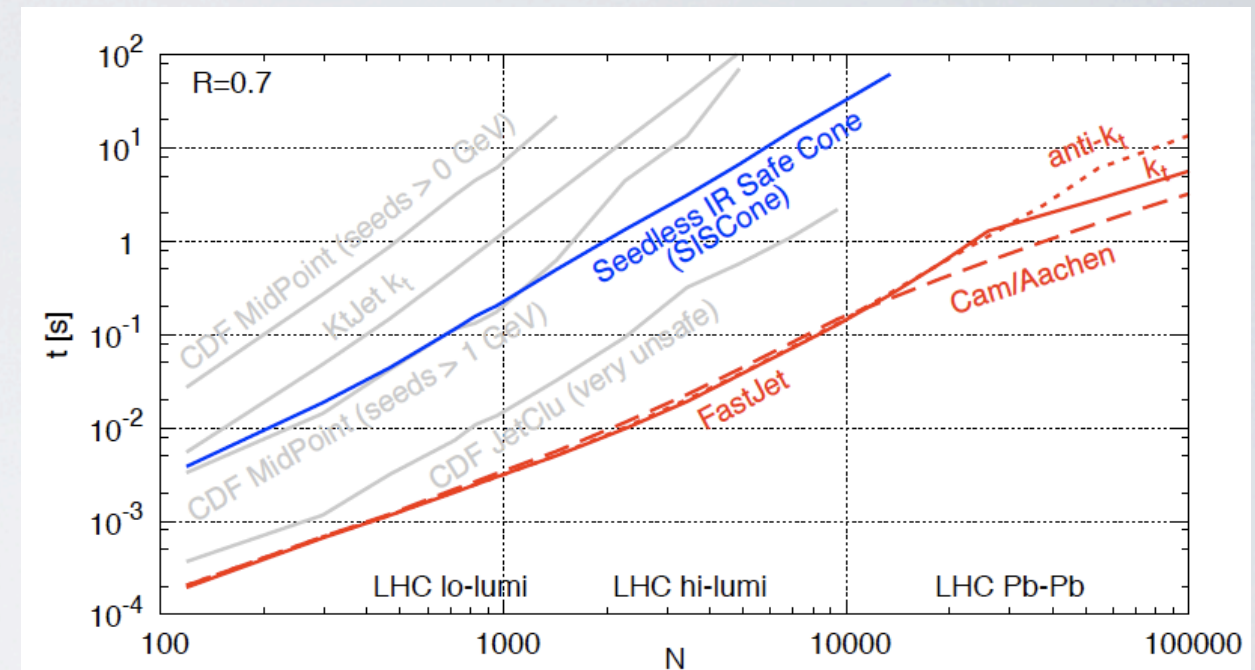
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# FAST AND SAFE JET FINDING

Cacciari, Salam, Soyez (2007-2009)

- Fast implementation of recombination algorithms
- New infrared safe cone algorithm (SISCone)
- Better understanding of jet areas
- anti- $K_t$ : recombination algorithm with “perfect cones”



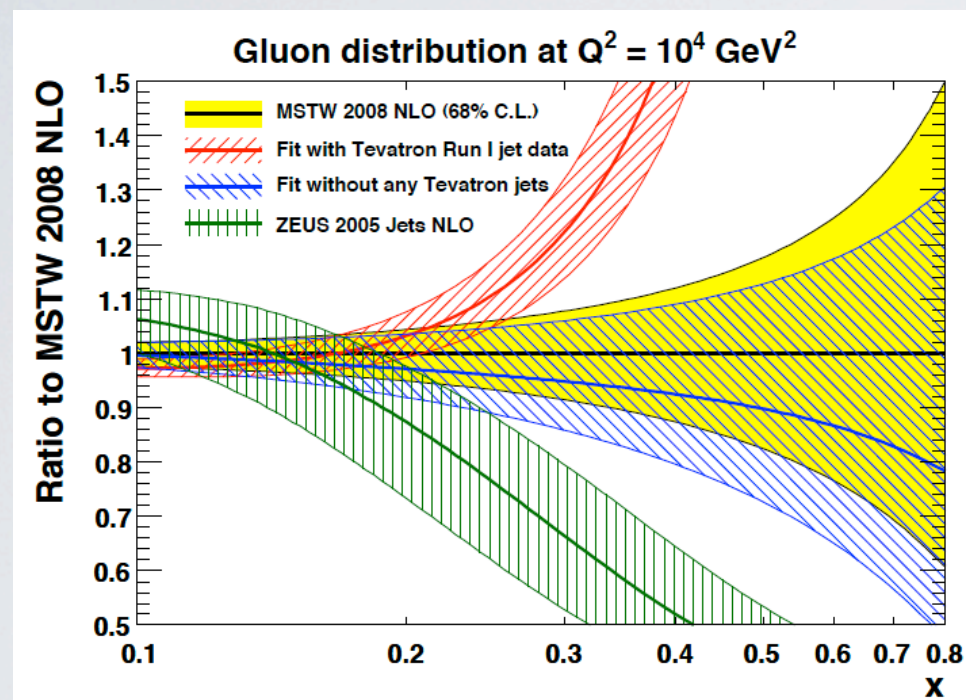


# PARTON DENSITIES

- Several efforts for a precise determination of parton densities:  
CTEQ: Pumplin, Huston, Lai, Nadolsky, Tung, Yuan (NLO, global fit);  
MSTW: Martin, Stirling, Thorne, Watt (NNLO, global fit);  
JR: Jimenez-Delgado, Reya (NNLO, DIS fit);  
ABKM: Alekhin, Bluemlein, Klein, Moch (NNLO, DIS and Drell-Yan fit);  
HERA collaborations (NNLO, DIS fit)
- Input for precise hadron collider phenomenology.
- New ideas on pdf extraction, using Artificial Neural Network methods  
(Ball, Del Debbio, Forte, Guffanti, Latorre, Piccione, Rojo, Ubiali)
- Improvements on theoretical treatment, better error estimation, but also important changes from older sets



# IMPORTANT PDF DIFFERENCES



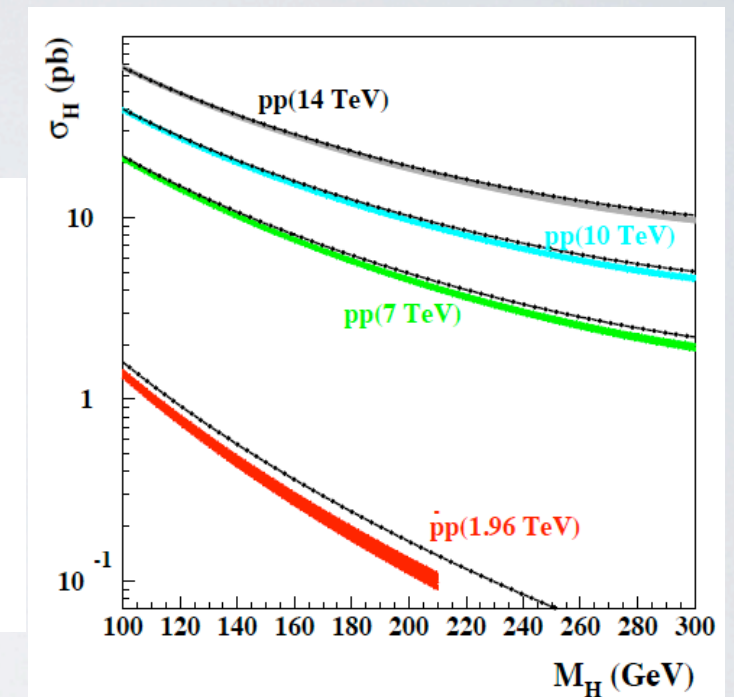
MSTW high- $x$  gluon density,  
impact of Tevatron jet  
measurements

LHC data and QCD theory will be  
very useful to constrain pdfs

A difficult case: high- $x$  gluon densities

$\sqrt{s}$ (TeV)	ABKM	MSTW2008
1.96 ( $\bar{p}p$ )	$6.91 \pm 0.17$	7.04
7 ( $pp$ )	$131.3 \pm 7.5$	160.5
10 ( $pp$ )	$343 \pm 15$	403
14 ( $pp$ )	$780 \pm 28$	887

MSTW vs ABKM for  
top pair cross-section



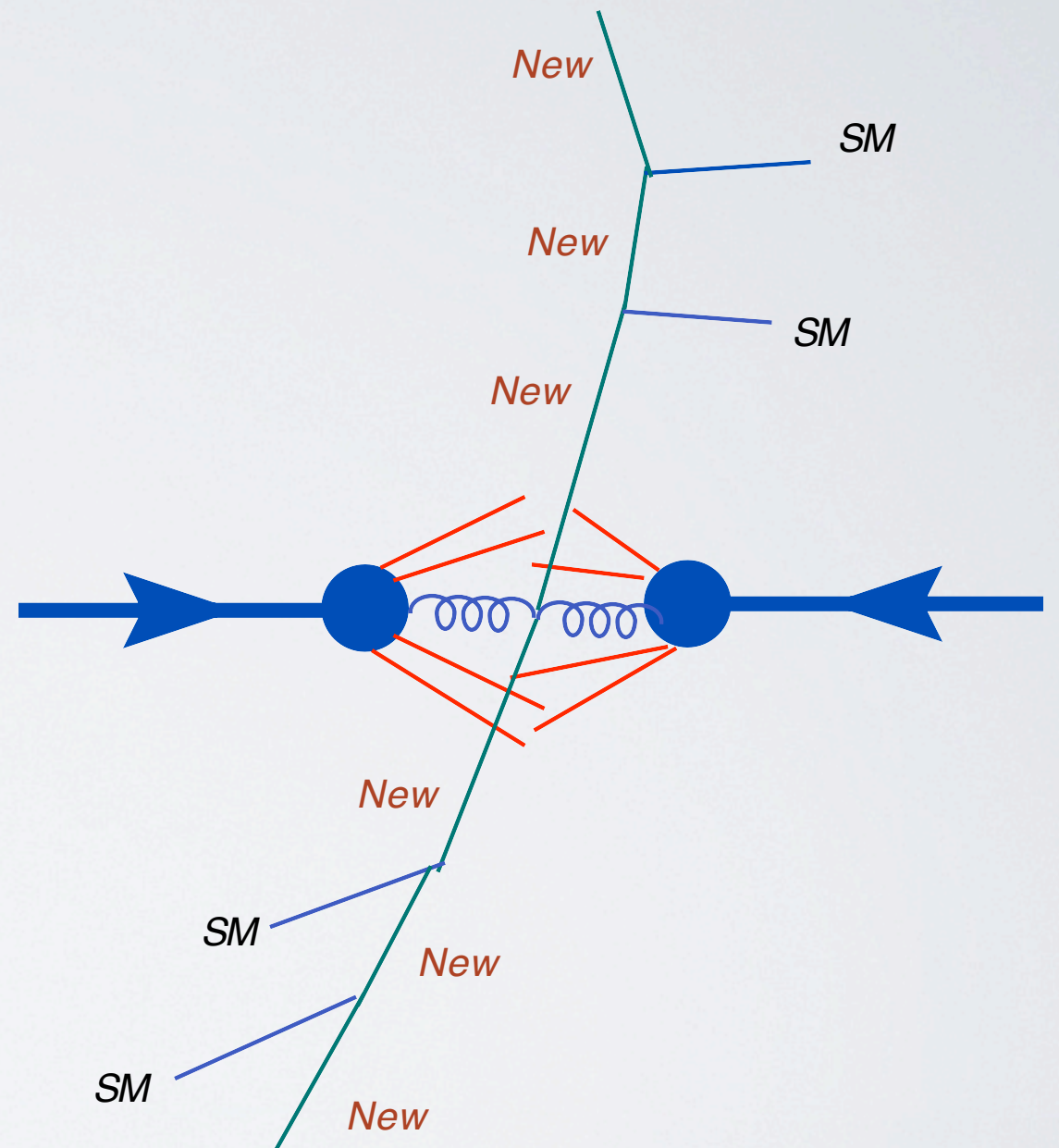
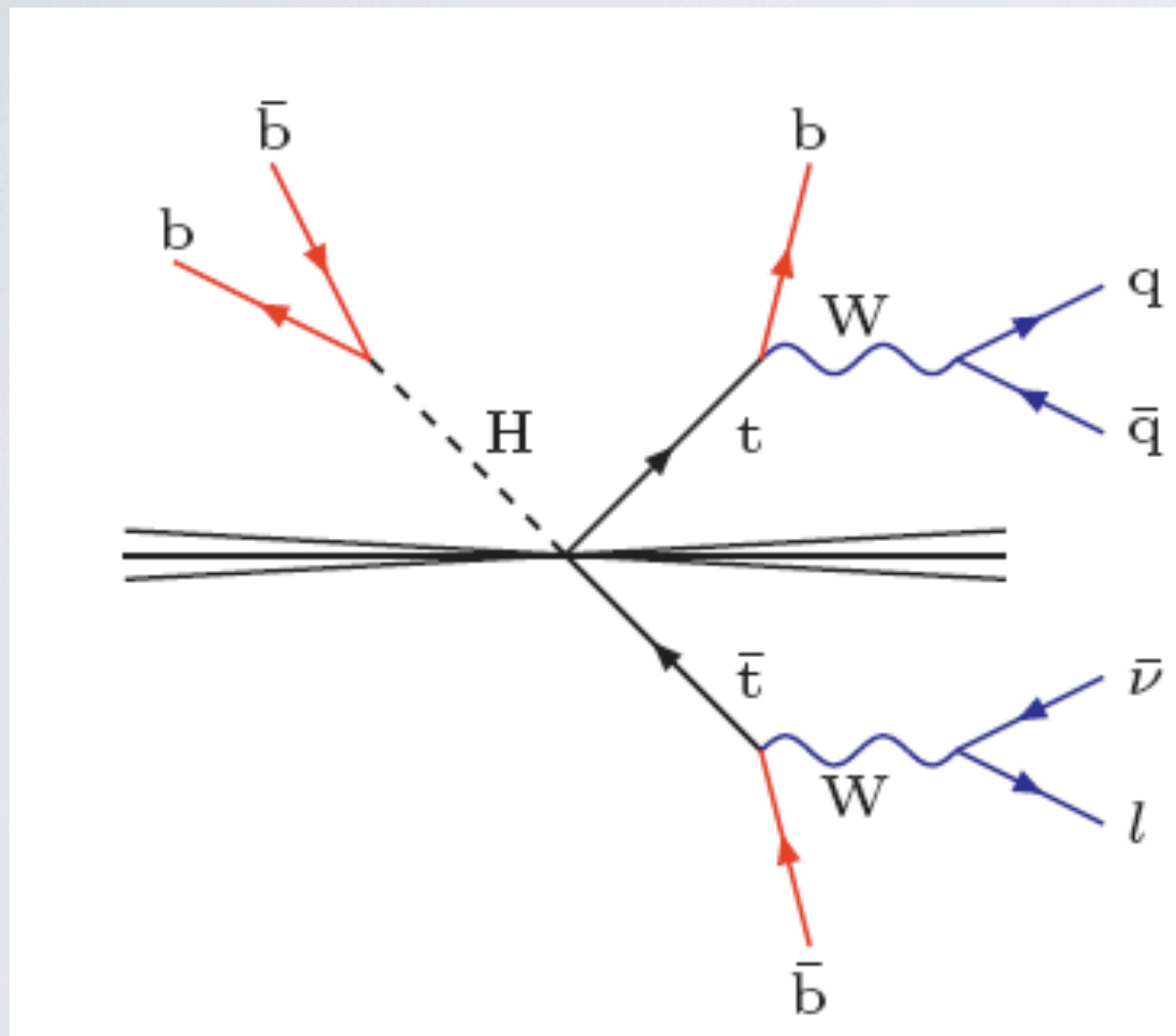
MSTW vs ABKM for Higgs  
cross-section

MRST 2001	MRST 2004	MRST 2006	MSTW 2008
0.3833	0.3988	0.3943	0.3444

Higgs cross-section at the  
TEVATRON MSTW vs MRST



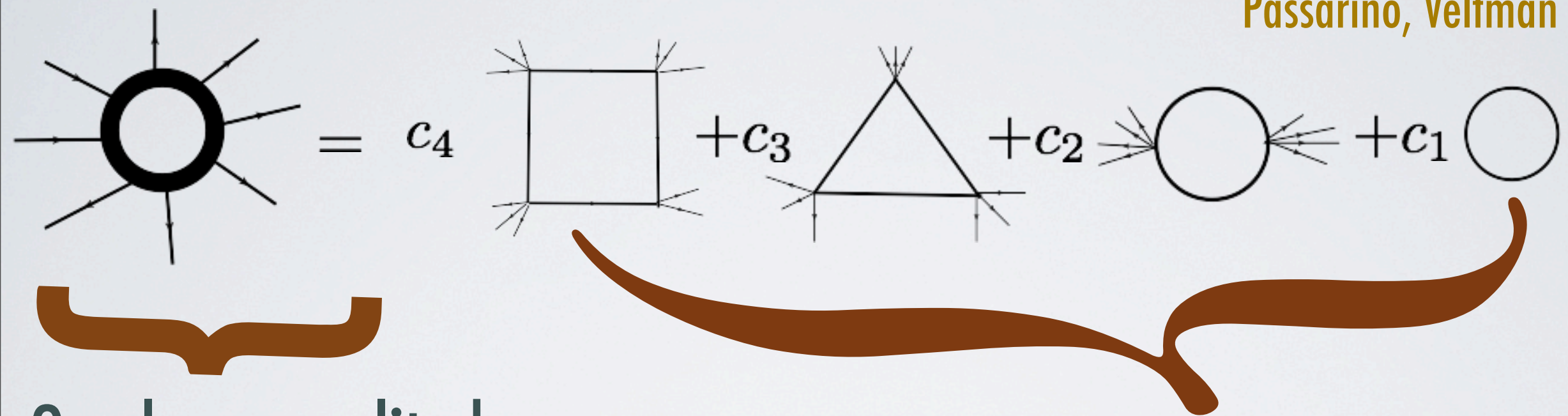
# NEW PHYSICS APPETITE FOR COMPLICATED QCD SIMULATIONS





# MASTER INTEGRALS

Passarino, Veltman 1980s



One-loop amplitude  
in Gauge theory

Integrals in scalar field theory



*Known method(s) to compute  $a, b, c, d$  coefficients  
had a (# Legs)! computational cost*



# UNITARITY: A VISIONARY IDEA

Bern, Dixon, Dunbar, Kosower 1990s

*Tree × Tree*


$$\approx \int \frac{d^d k}{k^2 (k+p)^2}$$


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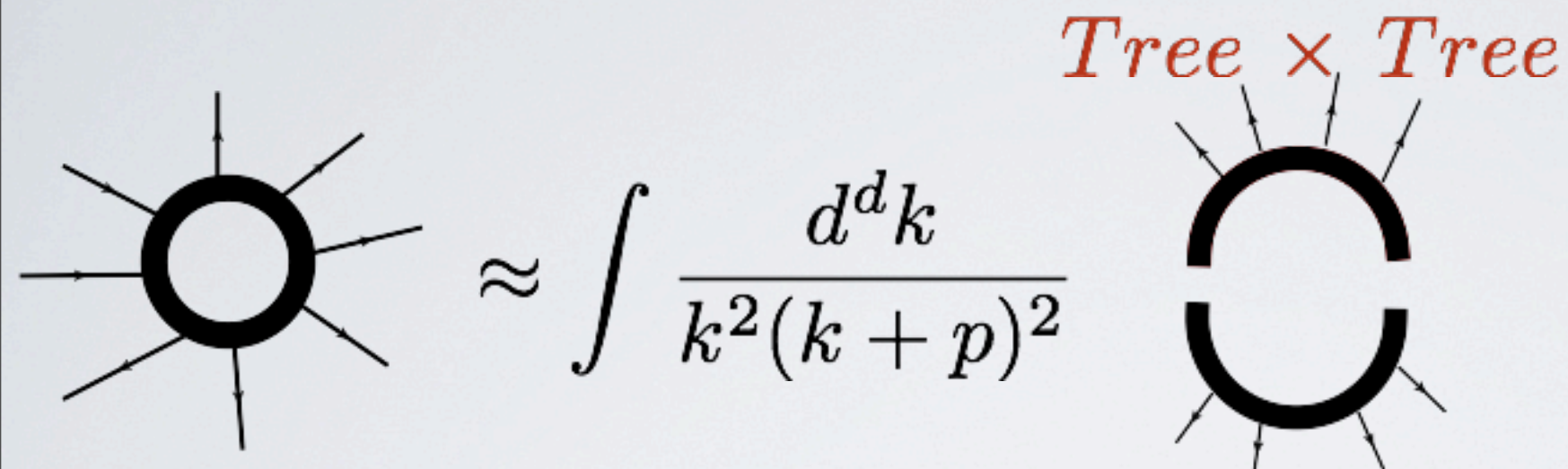
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The diagram illustrates the unitarity equation. On the left is a one-loop amplitude represented by a circle with eight external lines (four incoming, four outgoing). This is followed by an approximation symbol  $\approx$ , then an integral  $\int \frac{d^d k}{k^2 (k+p)^2}$ . To the right of the integral is a tree-level amplitude represented by a circle with a cut (two semi-circles) and eight external lines. Above this tree-level diagram is the text *Tree  $\times$  Tree* in red.

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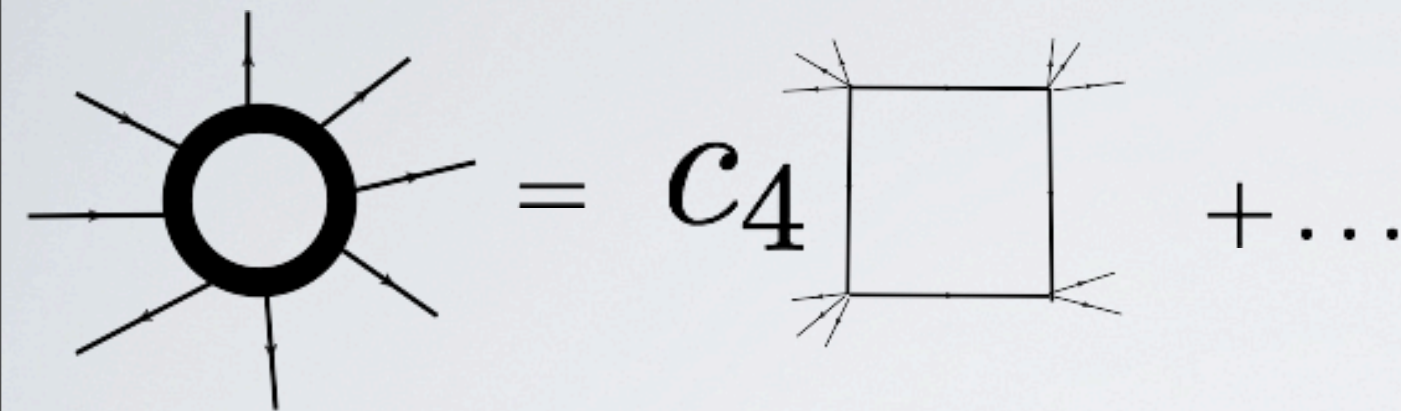
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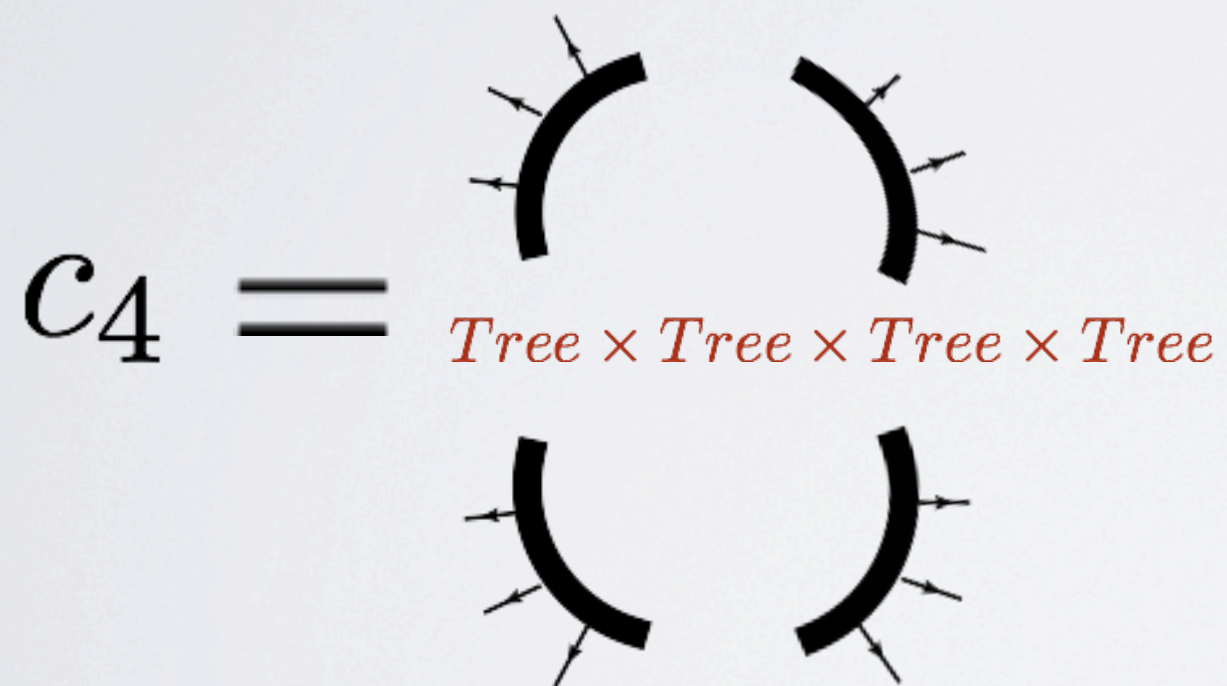
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# COEFFICIENT OF BOX MASTER

Britto, Cachazo, Feng 2004


$$\text{Circle with 8 external lines} = c_4 \text{ Box with 4 external lines} + \dots$$

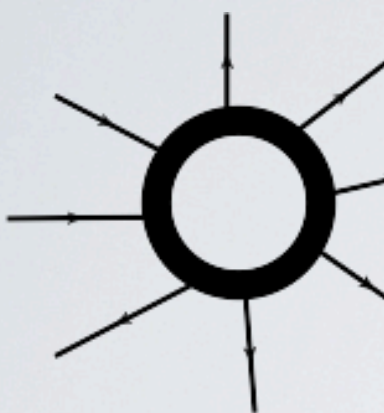

$$c_4 = \text{Tree} \times \text{Tree} \times \text{Tree} \times \text{Tree}$$

- Simple product of four tree amplitudes
- Evaluated at complex momenta
- corresponding to loop momentum values where all propagators of the box master integral are ON-SHELL



# ONE-LOOP INTEGRAND

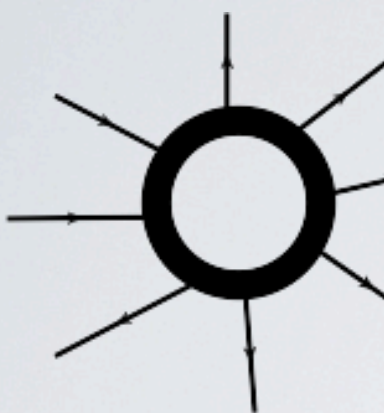
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(building on del Aguila, Pittau, 2004)


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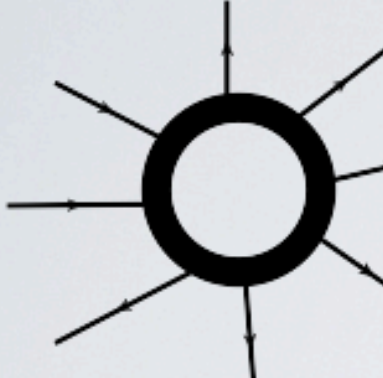

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After Integration:



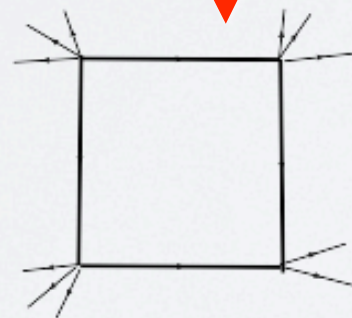
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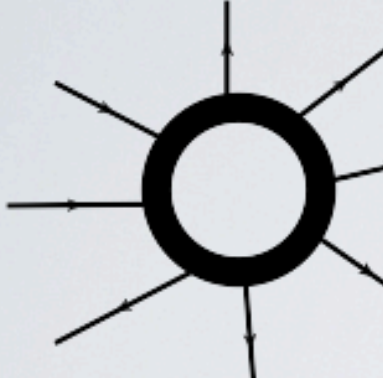
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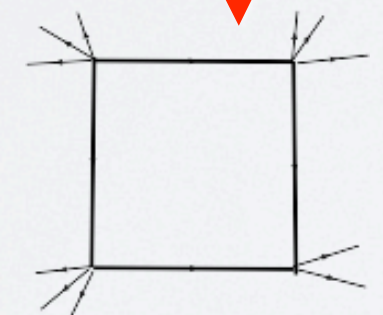
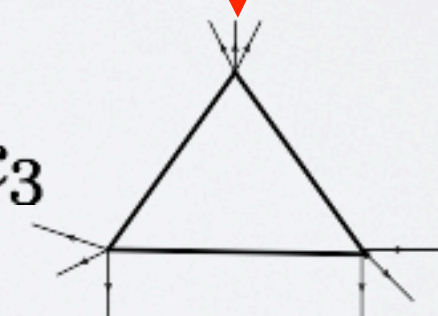


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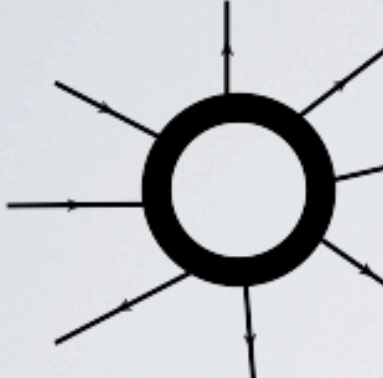
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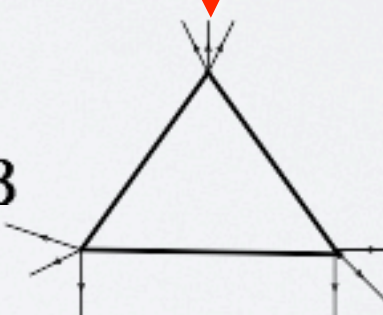
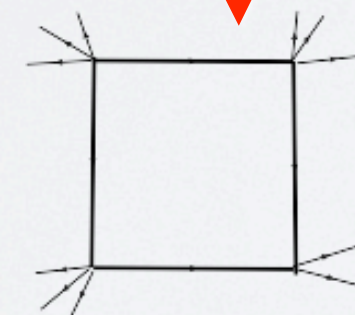


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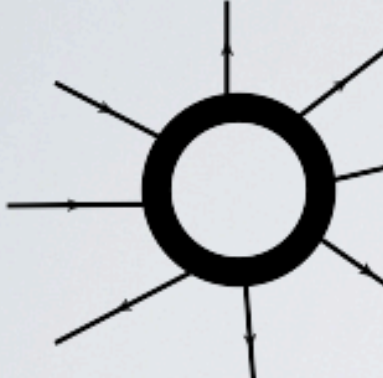
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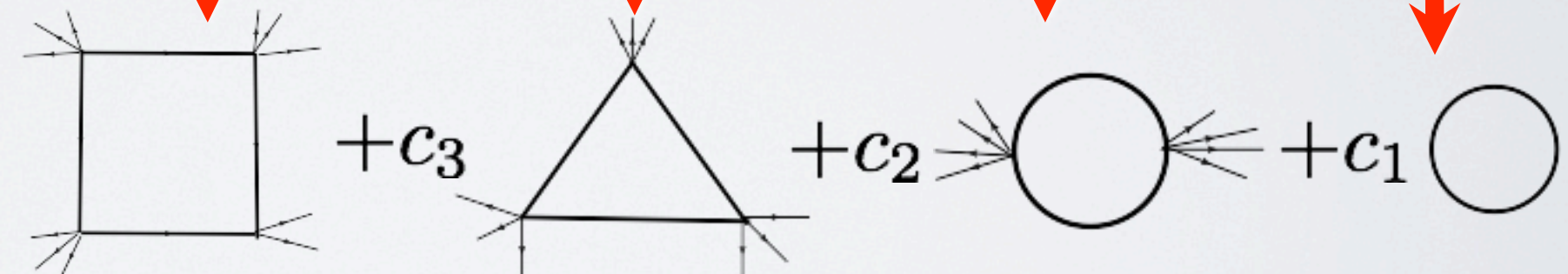


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$\tilde{c}_i, c_i$  : coefficients can be determined algebraically  
computing the integrand at a sufficient number  
of values for  $\vec{k}$



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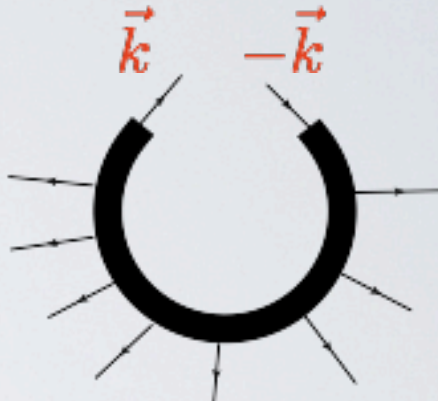
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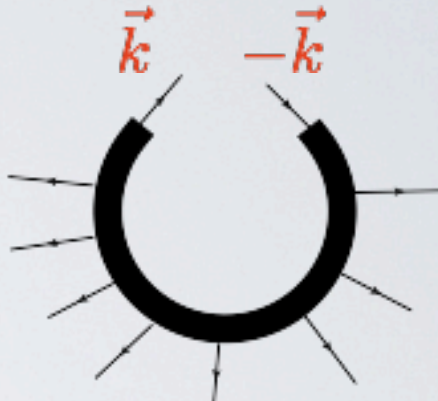
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Ossola, Papadopoulos, Pittau 2006

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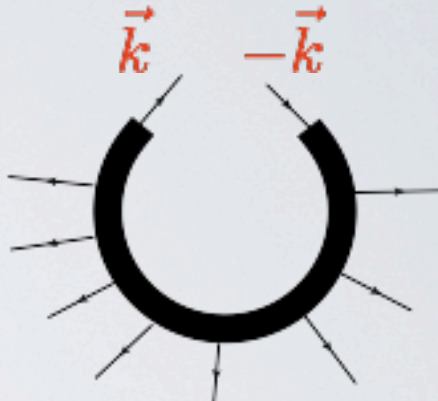
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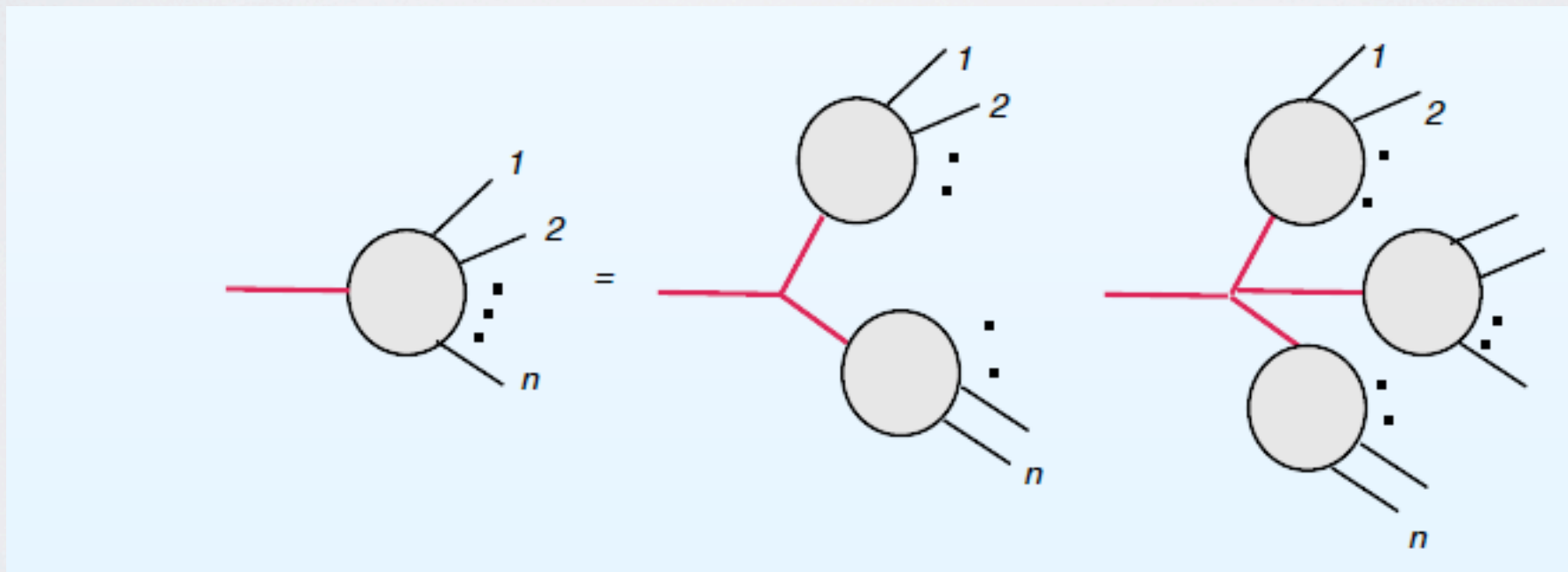
- **ON-SHELL**: determines coefficients successively



# COEFFICIENTS AS TREE PRODUCTS

Ellis, Giele, Kunszt 2007

- ON-SHELL loop propagators = Product of tree amplitudes
- Evaluation of trees with powerful recursive methods



e.g. Berends-Giele, Britto-Cachazo-Feng-Witten, etc



# CONFLICT OF DIMENSIONS

Loop Integrations in  $D$  dimensions, Tree amplitudes in four dimensions. Mismatch, i.e. missing terms from amplitude evaluation. Requires a second calculation.

- Specialized tree-like recursions in  $D=4$  for the missing terms  
Berger, Bern, Dixon, Forde, Kosower 2006
- Elegant/general solution: Amplitude in a general dimension from results in  $D=5$  and  $D=6$ . Ellis, Giele, Kunszt, Melnikov 2008
- Specialized Feynman rules for missing terms:  
Draggiotis, Garzelli, Papadopoulos, Pittau 2009



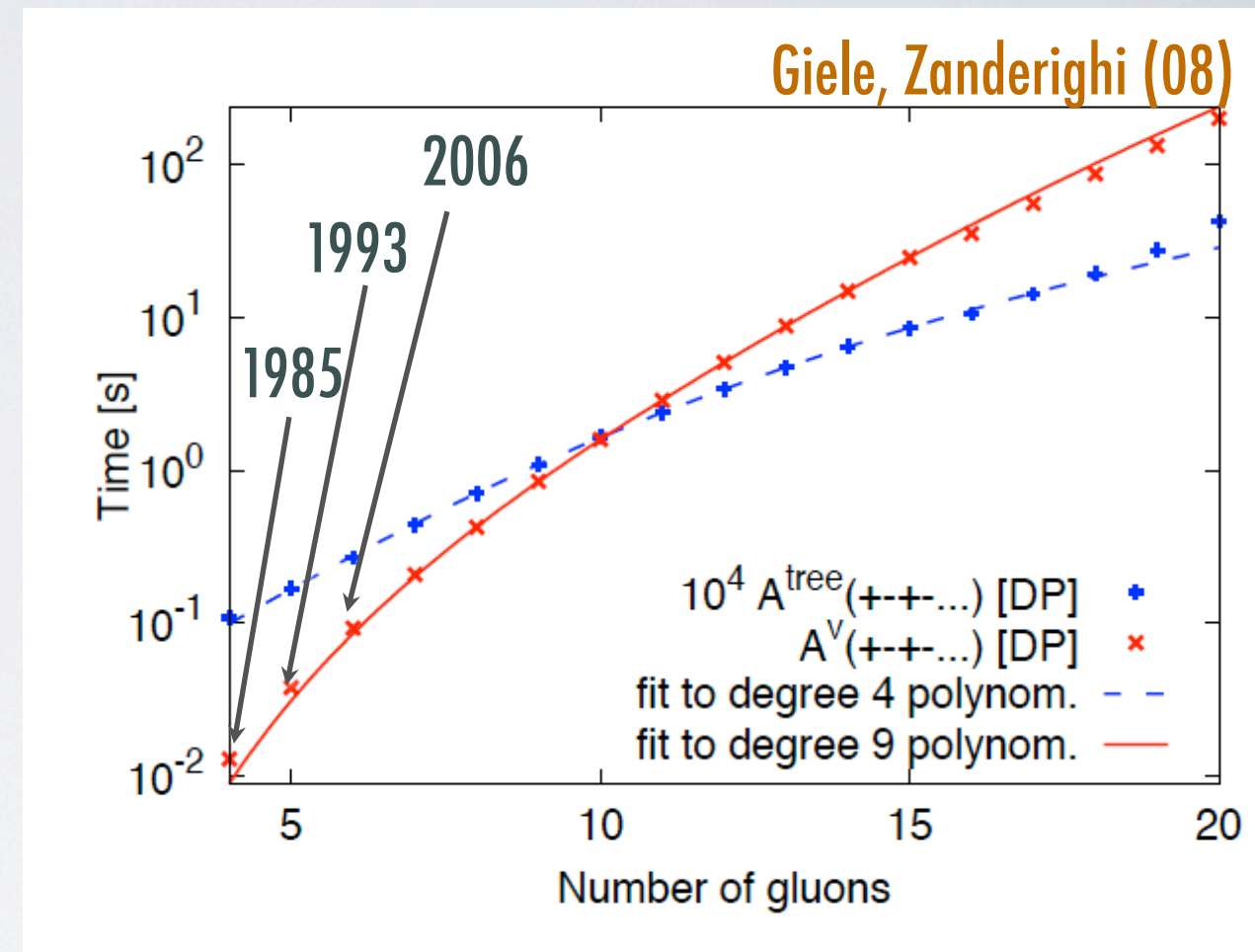
# BREATHTAKING DEVELOPMENTS

- One-loop amplitudes with 22 gluons Giele, Zanderighi (08); Lazopoulos (08); Giele, Winter (09)

- numerical evaluation of all 2 to 4 amplitudes in the Les-Houches 2007 wish-list

$$q\bar{q}, gg \rightarrow t\bar{t}b\bar{b}, b\bar{b}b\bar{b}, W^+W^-b\bar{b}, t\bar{t}gg$$

$$q\bar{q}' \rightarrow Wggg, Zggg$$



van Hameren, Papadopoulos, Pittau (09)



# NLO CALCULATIONS @ LHC

- What can we hope for?
- We cannot do better than tree calculations..., i.e. processes with 7 or 8 particles in the final state.
- All 2 to 4 processes with both Feynman diagrammatic and unitarity methods
- 2 to 5 and perhaps 2 to 6 processes with unitarity methods



# (2 TO 4) HADRON COLLIDER PROCESSES

$$pp \rightarrow t\bar{t}b\bar{b}$$

Bredenstein, Denner, Dittmaier, Pozzorini  
Bevilacqua, Czakon, Papadopoulos, Worek

$$pp \rightarrow t\bar{t}jj$$

Bevilacqua, Czakon, Papadopoulos, Worek

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Berger, Bern, Dixon, Febres Cordero, Forde, Gleisberg, Ita, Kosower, Maitre  
Ellis, Kunszt, Melnikov, Zanderighi

$$pp \rightarrow Z + 3jets$$

Berger, Bern, Dixon, Febres Cordero, Forde, Gleisberg, Ita, Kosower, Maitre

$$pp \rightarrow W + 4jets \text{ (first results)}$$

Berger, Bern, Dixon, Febres Cordero, Forde, Gleisberg, Ita, Kosower, Maitre



# LESSONS FROM MULTILEG NLO CALCULATIONS

- Guessing higher order corrections for multi-particle background processes without explicit calculations is hopeless
- There exists no unique “K-factor” across the full phase-space for processes with such complicated dynamics
- NLO computations can be used to optimize LO Monte-Carlo’s

SUSY BACKGROUND

$$pp \rightarrow W(\rightarrow \tau\nu) + 3jets$$

ATLAS CUTS:  $\sigma_{NLO} \simeq 200\% \sigma_{LO}$

CMS CUTS:  $\sigma_{NLO} \simeq 110\% \sigma_{LO}$

Melnikov, Zanderighi

e.g. local scale for alphas in each branching



# THE NNLO FRONT

- Precision of measurements at collider experiments is often excellent
- Perturbation theory is often slow at work, first correction after the leading order too large and too uncertain.
- All “2 to 1” and “2 to 2” hadron collider processes must be computed at NNLO.
- LEP, HERA, TEVATRON, LHC data = NNLO phenomenology



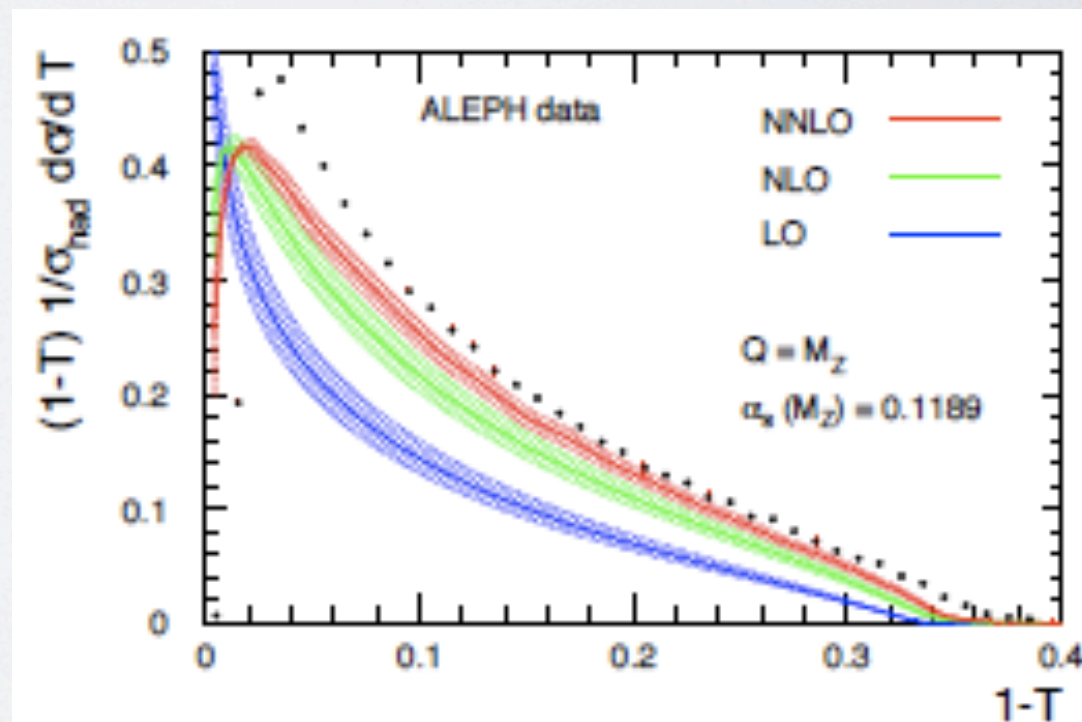
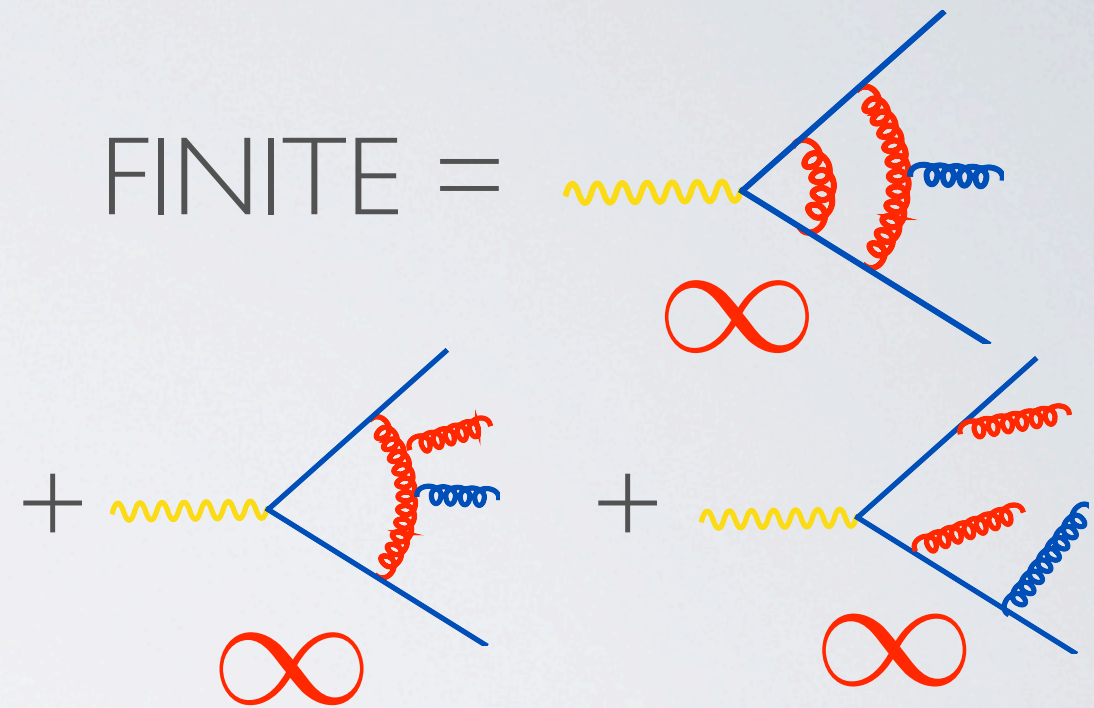
# THREE-JET EVENTS FROM LEP

- LEP Legacy: Excellent measurements of three jet cross-sections and jet event shapes at various energies.
- Precise extraction of the strong coupling constant; largest error from theoretical prediction of the cross-section.
- NNLO corrections to  $e^+e^- \rightarrow 3jets$  was the holy grail of the QCD community for more than a decade.



# CANCELATION OF SINGULARITIES

- Two-loop amplitude computed already in 2001 by Garland, Gehrmann, Glover, Koukoutsakis, Remiddi
- A universal method for the cancelation of matrix element singularities through NNLO for lepton collider processes by Gehrmann-de Ridder, Gehrmann, Glover, Heinrich (2007)
- Revision by Weinzierl (2008).





# $\alpha_s$ FROM JET EVENT SHAPES

arXiv:0906.3436

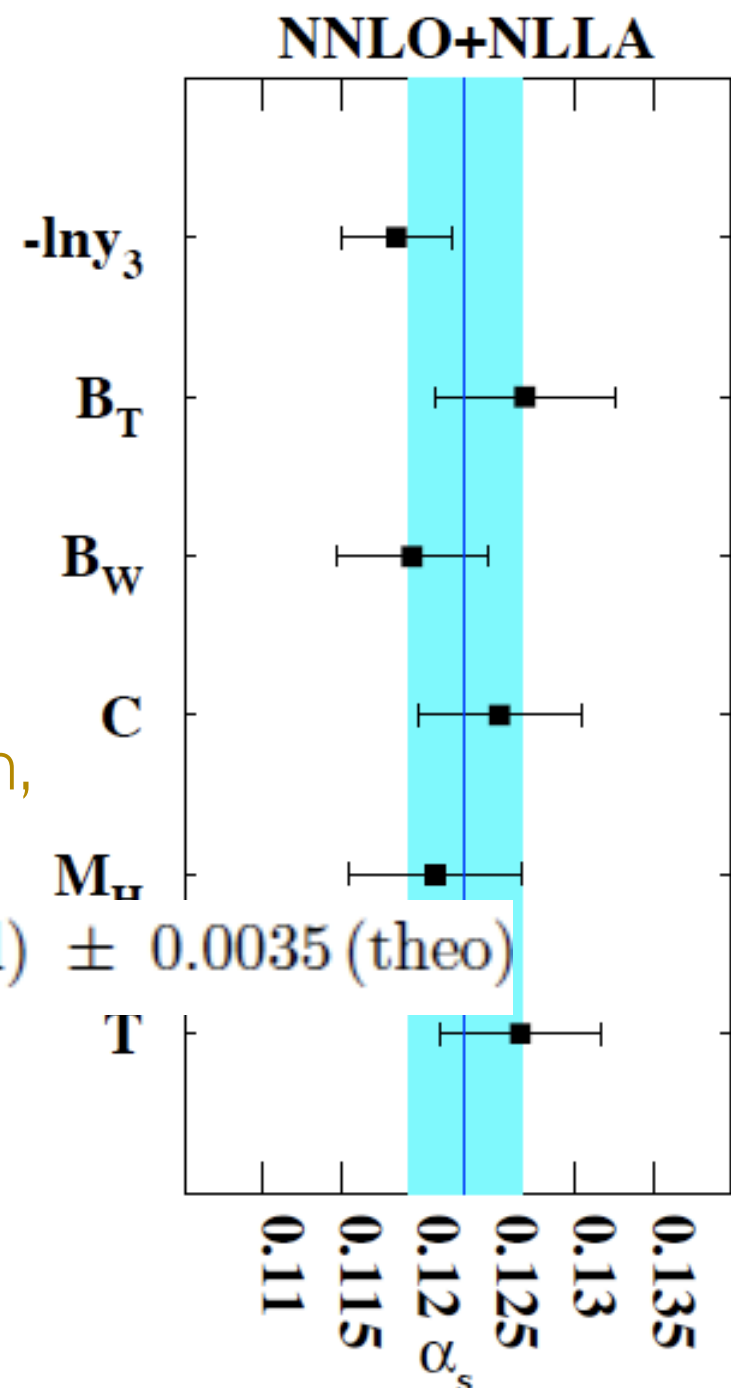
- A synthesis of fixed order QCD, Electroweak corrections, resummation, and hadronization effects describe excellently three jet events at LEP.

- State of the art extraction of  $\alpha_s$  with the NNLO result + NLL resummation

Dissertori, Gehrmann-de Ridder, Gehrmann, Glover, Heinrich, Luisoni, Stenzel

$$\alpha_s(M_Z) = 0.1224 \pm 0.0009 (\text{stat}) \pm 0.0009 (\text{exp}) \pm 0.0012 (\text{had}) \pm 0.0035 (\text{theo})$$

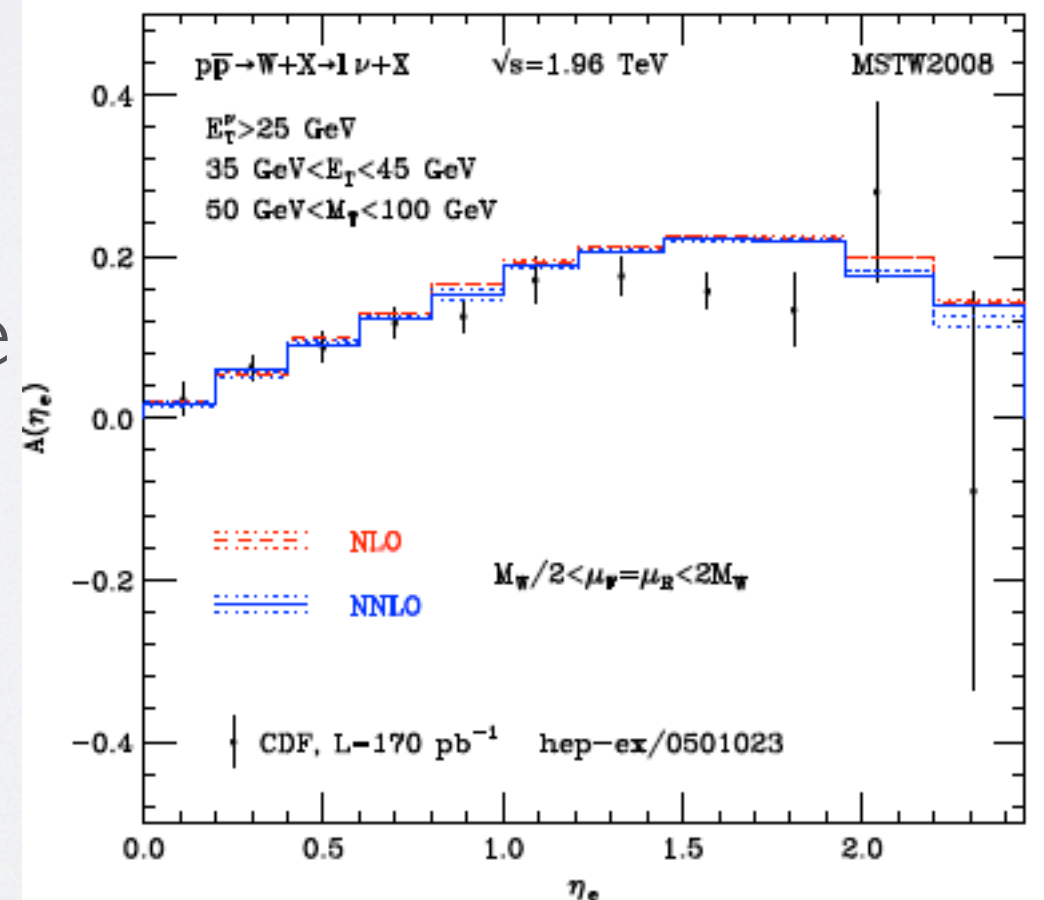
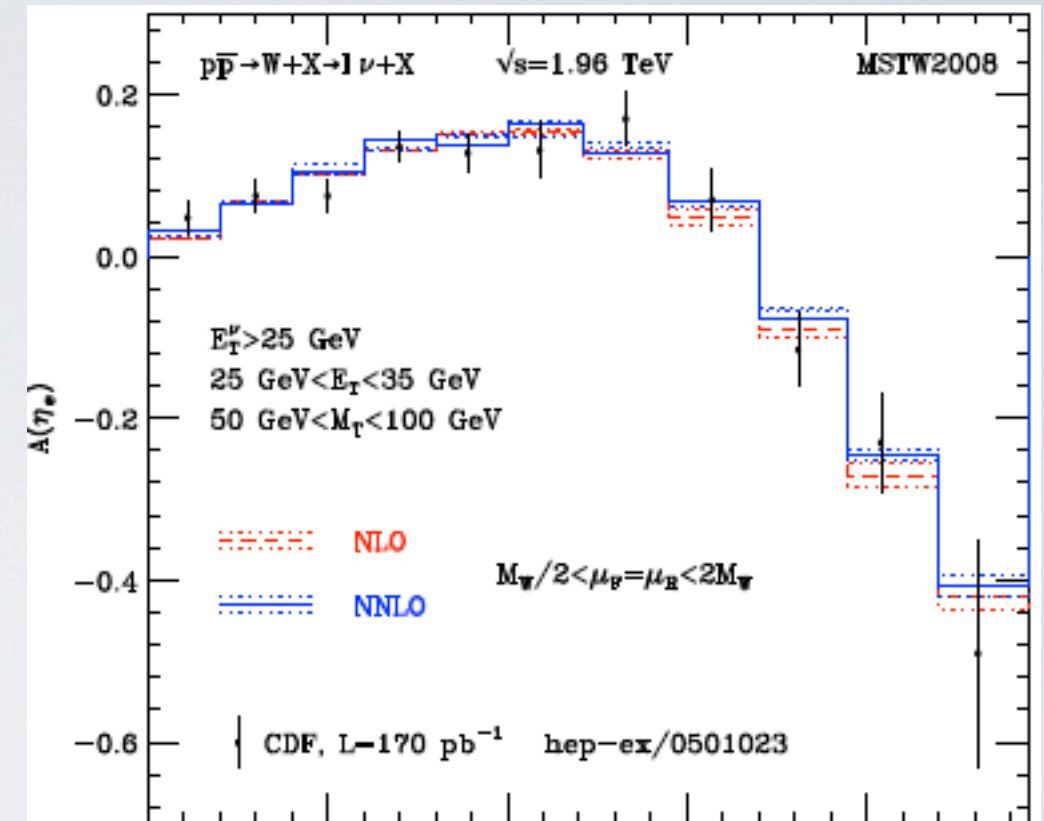
- also from NNLO+''SCET resummation'' of the thrust distribution (Becher, Schwarz).





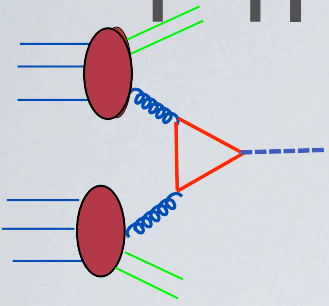
# DRELL-YAN THEORY

- NNLO total cross-section  
Hamberg, van Neerven (1990);  
Harlander, Kilgore (2002)
- NNLO rapidity distribution  
CA, Dixon, Menikov, Petriello (2004)
- Fully differential NNLO  
Melnikov, Petriello (2006);  
Catani, Cieri, Ferrera, Grazzini (2009)
- Recent application, lepton charge asymmetry  
Catani, Ferrera, Grazzini (2010)

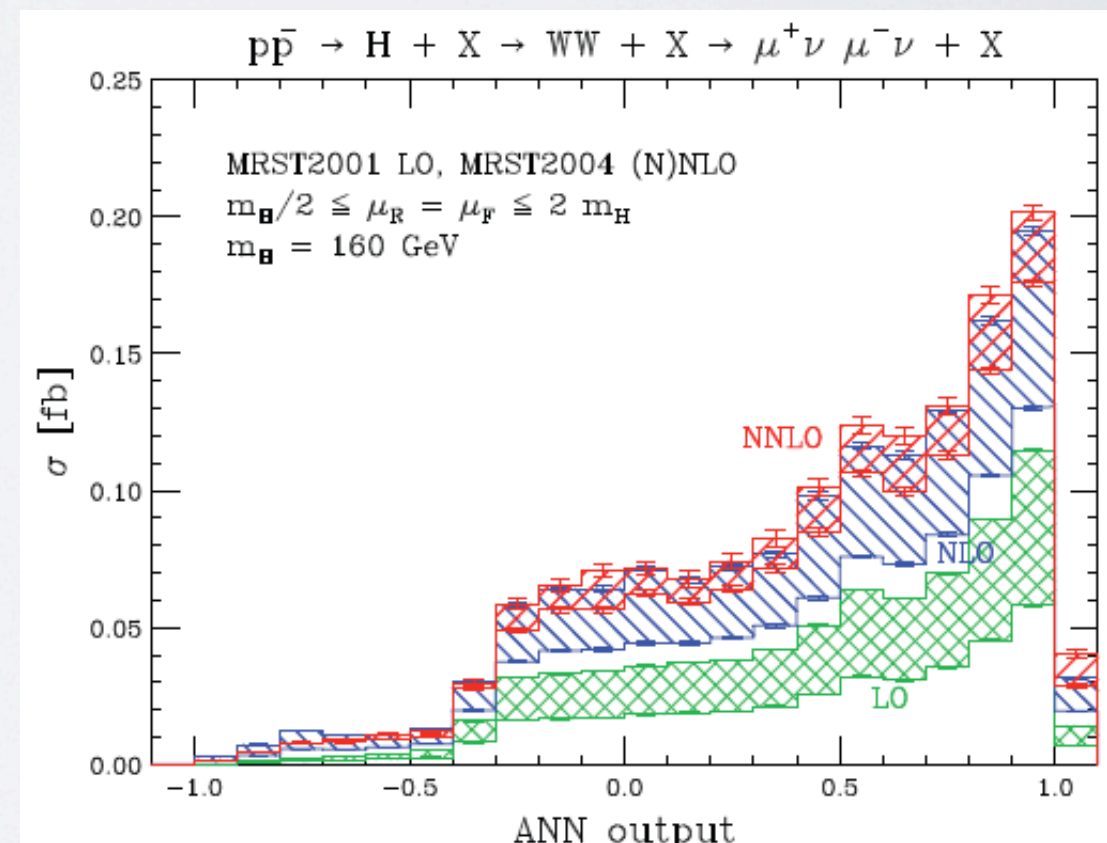
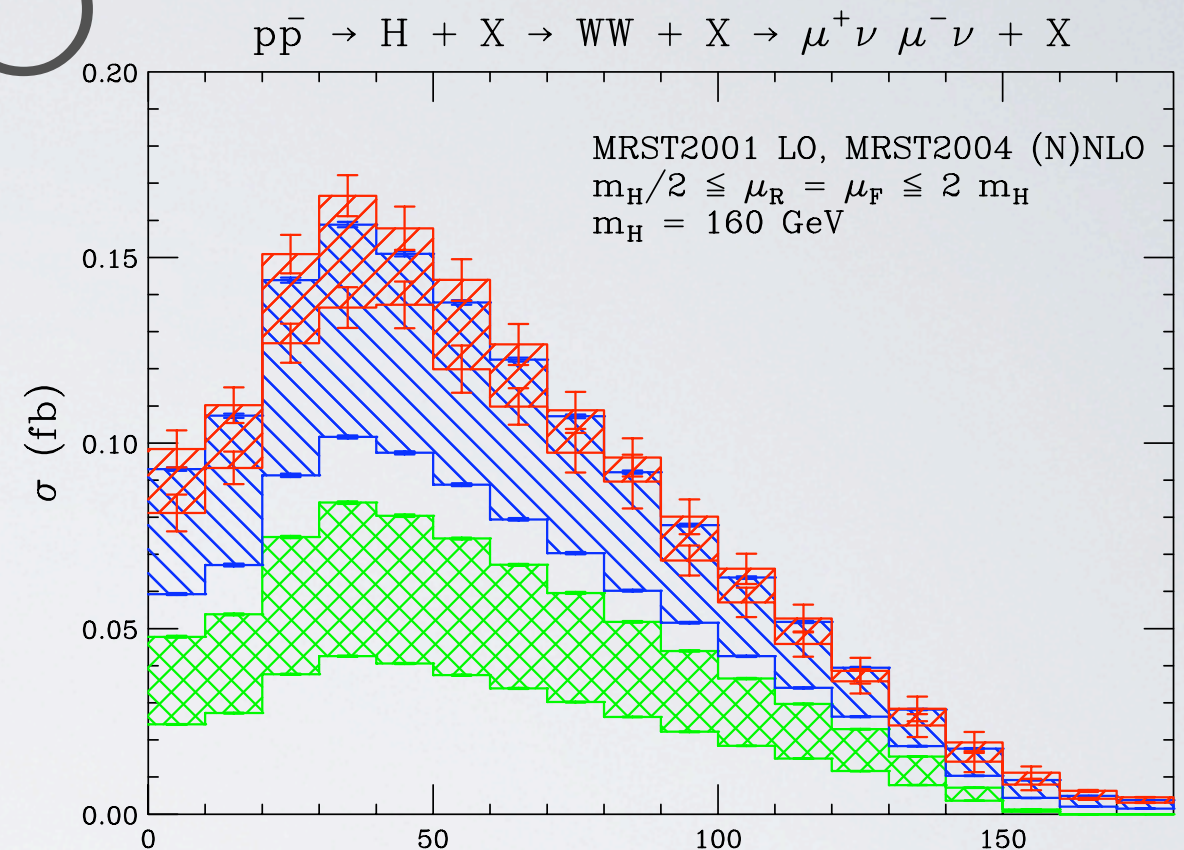




# HIGGS PRODUCTION AT NNLO



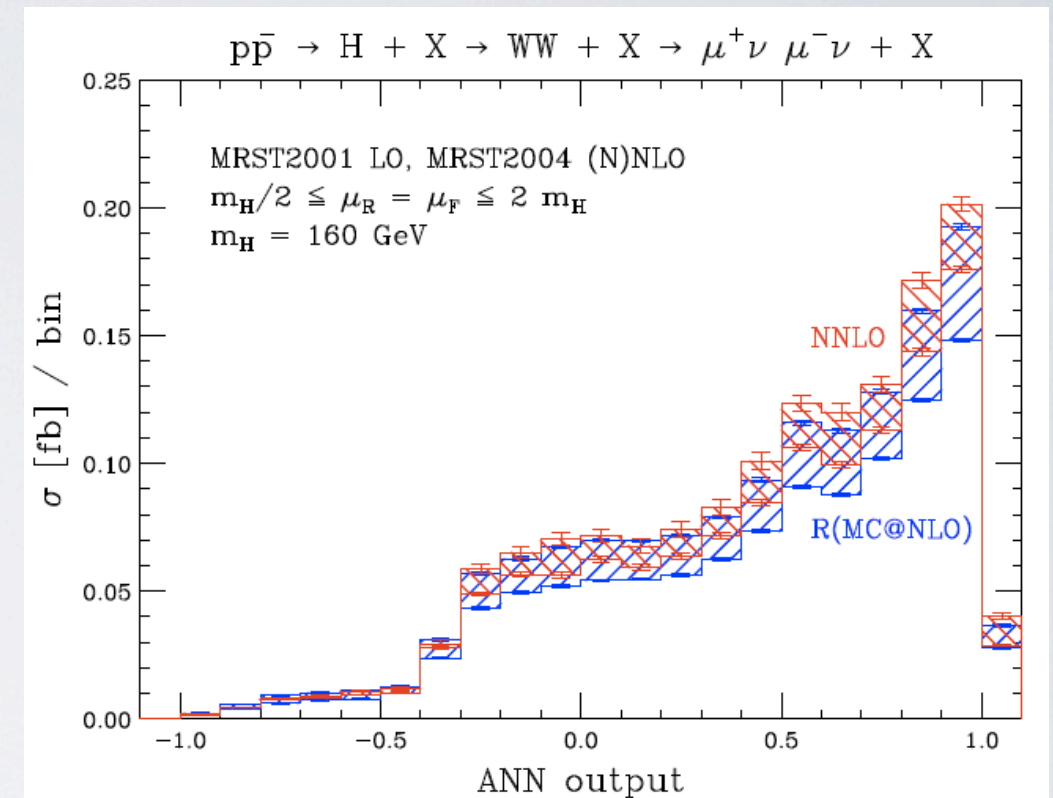
- TEVATRON exclusion with a detailed comparison of data with signal and background distributions
- important cuts on jets and lepton isolation
- Fully Exclusive Higgs Production (CA, Melnikov, Petriello; CA, Dissertori, Stoeckli)
- HNNLO method (Catani, Grazzini; Grazzini)





# GENERATORS DIFFER

- PYTHIA has a smaller jet-veto and isolation acceptance than HERWIG and MC@NLO
- HERWIG and MC@NLO closer to NNLO
- VALIDATION is indispensable!



(CA,Dissertori,Grazzini, Stoeckli,Webber)

$\sigma_{\text{acc}}/\sigma_{\text{incl}}$	Trigger	+ Jet-Veto	+ Isolation	All Cuts
NNLO ( $\mu = m_H/2$ )	44.7%	39.4% (88.1%)	36.8% (93.4%)	27.8% (75.5%)
NNLO ( $\mu = 2 m_H$ )	44.9%	41.8% (93.1%)	40.7% (97.4%)	31.0% (76.2%)
MC@NLO ( $\mu = m_H/2$ )	44.4%	38.1% (85.8%)	35.3% (92.5%)	26.5% (75.2%)
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HERWIG	46.7%	40.8% (87.4%)	37.8% (92.7%)	28.6% (75.7%)
PYTHIA	46.6%	37.9% (81.3%)	32.2% (85.0%)	24.4% (75.8%)



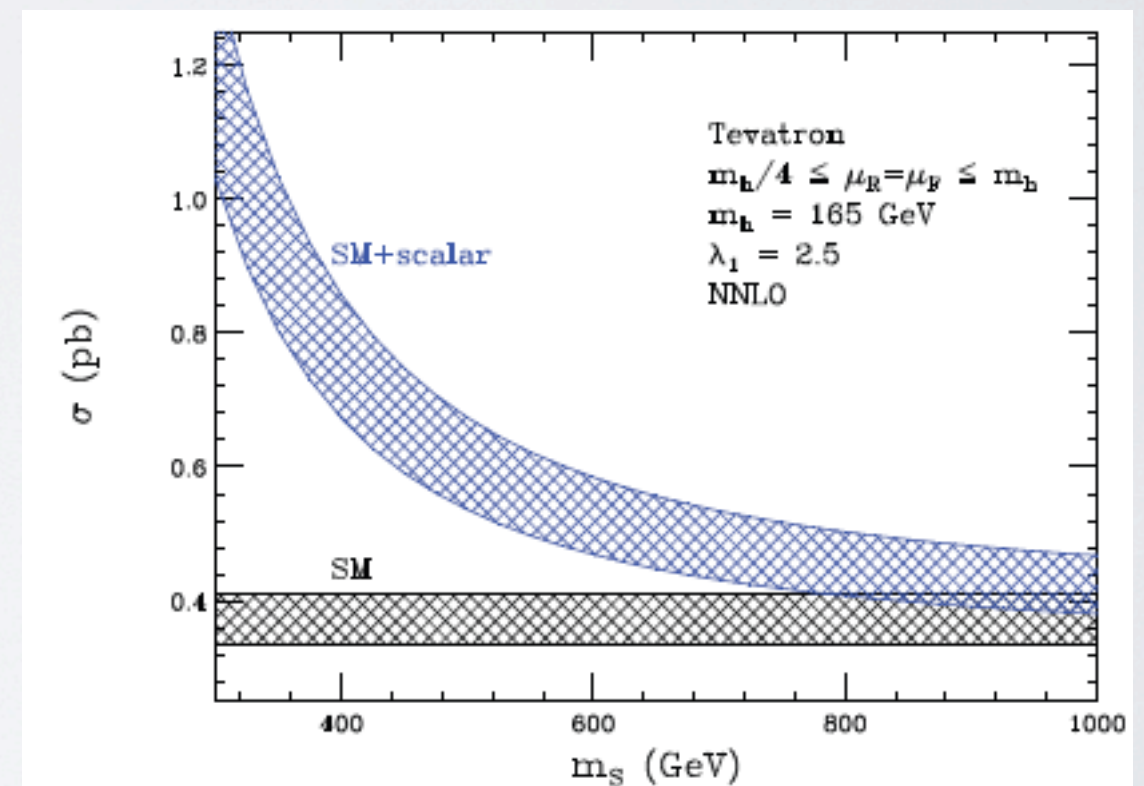
# BEYOND THE STANDARD GLUON FUSION

- Can we derive a mass exclusion limit for a BSM scalar Higgs boson from an experimental analysis based on SM theoretical predictions?
- very often yes, if QCD corrections and shapes of signal discriminants are model independent.
- CAN WE USE EXPERIMENTAL LIMITS OR A DISCOVERY AS PRECISION TESTS?
- Until recently no complete NNLO calculation for any extension of the SM (not even a fourth quark generation)



# BSM HIGGS PRODUCTION AT NNLO

- Additional heavy quark families (CA, Boughezal, Furlan)
- Colour octet scalars (Boughezal, Petriello)





# FUTURE NNLO PHENOMENOLOGY

- We need to develop methods that can be used for 2 to 2 scattering processes.
- Top-pair production, Di-boson production, and other routine processes will be simulated with high precision
- A big theoretical challenge, which requires additional efforts



# RESUMMATION

- Progress in matching parton-showers and NLO calculations  
(MC@NLO: Webber, Frixione; White, Frixione, Laenen, Maltoni  
POWHEG: Frixione, Nason, Oleari; Aliole, Nason, Oleari, Re;)
- Resummation in SCET  
thrust in ee, inclusive photons: Becher, Schwarz  
Drell-Yan and Higgs: Idilbi, Xi, Yuan, Ahrens, Becher, Neubert  
top-pair NLO+NNLL: Ahrens, Ferroglia, Neubert, Pecjak, Yang  
also Czakon, Mitov, Sterman



# ITERATIVE PERTURBATION SERIES

- The perturbation series of gauge theories displays cross-order iterations.
- These are needed to cancel infrared and UV divergences, filtering the superposition principle from ultra short and very large distance effects.
- They are exploited to formulate parton shower algorithms, and resumming large logarithms.
- But, the remainder seems very different at each order in perturbation theory!



# AN UNEXPECTED ITERATION IN N=4 SUPER YANG-MILLS THEORY

$$\mathcal{M}_4^{(2)}(\epsilon) = \frac{1}{2} \left( \mathcal{M}_4^{(1)}(\epsilon) \right)^2 + f^{(2)}(\epsilon) \mathcal{M}_4^{(1)}(2\epsilon) + C^{(2)} + \mathcal{O}(\epsilon)$$

CA, Bern, Dixon, Kosower

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$$\mathcal{M}_4^{(3)}(\epsilon) = -\frac{1}{3} \left( \mathcal{M}_4^{(1)}(\epsilon) \right)^3 + \mathcal{M}_4^{(2)}(\epsilon) \mathcal{M}_4^{(1)}(\epsilon) + f^{(1)}(\epsilon) \mathcal{M}_4^{(1)}(3\epsilon) + C^{(3)} + \mathcal{O}(\epsilon)$$

Bern, Dixon, Smirnov

Can be computed in the strong  
limit with AdS/CFT Alday, Maldacena

$$\mathcal{M}_n = \exp \left[ \sum_{l=1}^{\infty} a^l f^{(l)}(\epsilon) \mathcal{M}_n^{(1)}(l\epsilon) + C^{(l)} + \mathcal{O}(\epsilon) \right]$$

$$\ln(1 + \sum_{l=1}^{\infty} a^l \mathcal{M}_n^{(l)}) = \ln(1 + \sum_{l=1}^{\infty} a^l W_n^{(l)}) + \mathcal{O}(\epsilon)$$

<Wilson Loop> = Amplitude  
Sokachev, Korchemsky

Can compute two-loop amplitudes with  
arbitrary number of legs, using the Wilson-loop duality  
CA, Brandhuber, Heslop, Khoze, Spence, Travaglini



# One-loop amplitudes from trees... and masters!!!



Trees in Gauge theory



Loop Master Integrals in  
scalar field theory



# OUTLOOK

- Our abilities in simulating precisely collider processes have grown tremendously.
- New computational methods at NLO are extremely powerful. A classic work which will be part of future field theory books.
- Ready to take on the big challenge of finding new physics convincingly in hadron collider data.